

# HALESOWEN CHRONICLE



Thursday, May 30, 2013

Read by more than 41,000 people

Price when sold 50p

mna media

## Make-up wish

Teenager is given a treat after stays in hospital

Page 3



## N-ice to see you

Family enjoys return trip to Rome thanks to mayor

Page 8



## Silver service

Jordanne spearheads national team triumph

Page 36



## Councils' staff may strike on pay offer

THOUSANDS of council staff across the West Midlands could strike over a 'paltry' one per cent pay rise offer.

Unison is asking members whether they want to take industrial action after local government workers were offered their first pay increase in three years.

They say the offer is much lower than private sector staff have received in recent years. The union's national leaders say they believe it is the best offer achievable by negotiation, and that only industrial action can achieve an improved offer.

They are now holding a ballot before. In Dudley and Sandwell the union represents 8,000 workers, along with 4,000 in Walsall, 5,000 in Wolverhampton and 6,500 in Staffordshire.

Sandwell branch secretary Richard Alonzo said: "In terms of the hardship our workers have suffered we don't feel that we can recommend they accept this offer."

Dudley Council leader and vice-chairman of the Local Government Association David Sparks said: "An offer has been made aimed at the lower end of the pay scale."

Wolverhampton branch secretary Adrian Turner said: "It was important to seek the views of as many of our members as possible on this paltry offer."

## Power cut at safari park

FAMILIES were stranded on rides and hundreds more forced to leave West Midland Safari Park early following a power cut.

People were stuck on rides including the Twister Coaster and Wild River Rafting, for up to 10 minutes.

The cut, caused by a cable fault, took place during one of the attraction's busiest days of the year after the electricity went down at around 2.45pm on Sunday.

People were seen leaving in their droves as staff were forced to shut rides.

# MOTHER SAVED BY HER LITTLE HERO

by Andrew Turton

**QUICK-THINKING** Dudley schoolboy Kyle Smith has been hailed a hero after saving his mother's life when she collapsed at the family home.

Sarah Gwynne took a turn for the worse after collapsing in the kitchen of the home that she shares with her two young children in Brierley Hill.

She hit her head as she fell while fetching a drink for her daughter Sophie, aged four. But young Kyle, who is a keen Manchester United fan, stayed cool, calm and collected to call his grandmother for help and looked after his sister until she arrived and called in paramedics. "I believe that he has saved her life," said his grandmother Teresa Spittle.

"He has been marvellous. Especially to look after his sister as well."

"We don't know what would have happened without him."

Sarah had arrived back home, in Pritchard Street, after collecting her children from Hawbush Primary School on Tuesday afternoon.

But minutes after they got home Sarah said she began to feel disorientated and unsteady on her feet. Suddenly, while standing in the kitchen she fell, making a loud bang as she struck her head.

Minutes after she had blacked out, Sarah staggered to her feet but only managed a few steps into the lounge before she suffered her second blackout on the sofa.

"I don't know how long I was out for but all I can remember is just getting to my feet but feeling disorientated," she said.

### Fainting

The 25-year-old suffers from Vasovagal syncope, which causes fainting following a drop in blood pressure that may be caused by a heart condition. Kyle, aged eight, called his grandmother Teresa, aged 42, on the landline and told her his mother had fainted. She said she stood in disbelief after being told the news. "I couldn't believe what he was saying," she said. "He was the one staying calm when my first reaction was to panic."

Teresa dashed from her home nearby in Moor Street to help. She had come home from her main job as a respite carer for Dudley Council, and had it been minutes later, she would have left home to go to her second job in Thorns Road, Quarry Bank.

After dialling 999 a paramedic arrived but was unable to rouse Sarah. She was taken to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital where doctors have ordered further tests. Sarah The family are now planning to buy Kyle a new mobile phone and store it full of emergency numbers in case Sarah collapses again. His mother said: "He is a little hero and I'm really proud of him."



Kyle Smith stayed calm after his mother Sarah Gwynne, back left, had a fall. He looked after his sister Sophie and phoned his gran Teresa Spittle, back right, before paramedics came

## Mistakes over jabs admitted by bosses

SOME children have been mistakenly vaccinated twice against the same diseases.

Health bosses in Dudley have blamed bad records which leave nurses unsure of a child's age or if they have been vaccinated before.

So far this year, four children in the borough have been found to have wrongly been given a second dose of a vaccination. There were 25 children who suffered the same mistake in the last financial year.

Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, one of the organisations which have taken over the work of Primary Care Trusts, said there were 'fewer than 40 errors' reported in the borough each year.

Rebecca Bartholomew, the group's chief quality and nursing officer, said: "Over the past 12 months we were made aware by practices of a small number of cases where children were administered the incorrect dose of an immunisation."

She said most mistakes were a result of nurses giving jabs not being able to see medical records.

## Bad area for horse care

A BEAUTY spot in Dudley has been described as one of the worst areas in the West Midlands for horse welfare following residents' concerns over the state of some animals grazing at the site.

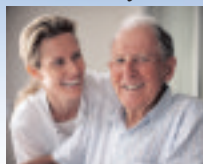
Campaigners have demanded an improvement in the care and treatment of the horses left grazing on land at Fens Pool Nature Reserve, Pensnett.

Officials and councillors from Dudley Council have joined West Midlands Police and the RSCPA to hold meetings looking at ways to improve the situation.

The RSCPA has now started a welfare plan called the Equine Link Project to raise awareness among horse owners. The organisation has held an awareness day with horse owners ear.

● Standstill - Page 4

Whether you or your loved ones need only an hour a week or full time attention, our care packages can be tailored to suit your specific needs.



OUR AIM is to aid our clients in their own homes to maintain their independence, self worth and dignity.

- Bespoke Home Care Services
- Temporary Respite Care
- Short Term Recovery Care

Call today for an informal chat

and feel the weight being lifted

Specialist in Dementia care and mental health



WE TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING

- PERSONAL CARE
- PROMPT MEDICATION
- HOUSEHOLD TASKS
- MEALS AND MORE

Stiled Home Services

42 Halesowen Road, Halesowen West Midlands B62 9AY

0121 421 3733 / 0121 421 3715 www.stiled-homeservices.co.uk



## NEWS

## CONTENTS

Peter Rhodes	4
Letters	7
Memory Lane	10
Club News	15
Puzzle Page	22
TV Listings	19-21
Property	23-25
Motoring	26-29
Classified	30-34
Sport	35-36

## CONTACT US

Have you got a story or an event you want covered? The Chronicle and the Express & Star have a team of reporters covering Halesowen who can help:

**Tom Mason:** 01902 319466  
tom.mason@expressandstar.co.uk  
**Charlotte Lilley:** 01902 319490  
charlotte.lilley@expressandstar.co.uk  
**Will Ackermann:** 01384 353213  
will.ackermann@expressandstar.co.uk  
**Heather Large:** 01384 353203  
heather.large@expressandstar.co.uk  
**Sharon Marris:** 01384 353209  
sharon.marris@expressandstar.co.uk  
**Louise Jew:** 01384 353201  
louise.jew@expressandstar.co.uk  
**Alex Ross:** 01384 353207  
alex.ross@expressandstar.co.uk  
**Andrew Turton:** 01384 353202  
andrew.turton@expressandstar.co.uk  
**Lee Watton:** 01384 353230  
lee.watton@expressandstar.co.uk

What's happening in your area? We are always keen to hear about any issues affecting you. Email your information and pictures to [dudley.chrons@expressandstar.co.uk](mailto:dudley.chrons@expressandstar.co.uk)

**Sports:** E-mail: [chronsport@expressandstar.co.uk](mailto:chronsport@expressandstar.co.uk)  
**Photographic John Sambrooks**  
Tel: 01902 319431

## Advertising:

**Nikki Cope**  
Tel: 01902 319573 E-mail: [n.cope@expressandstar.co.uk](mailto:n.cope@expressandstar.co.uk)

**Emma Parkes**  
Tel: 01384 353234 E-mail: [e.parkes@expressandstar.co.uk](mailto:e.parkes@expressandstar.co.uk)

**Distribution: Paul Jones**  
Tel: 01902 319990 E-mail: [p.jones@expressandstar.co.uk](mailto:p.jones@expressandstar.co.uk)

**HALESOWEN**  
**thechronicle**

Queen Street  
Wolverhampton  
WV1 1ES

Open Monday to Friday 9am-1pm  
and 2pm-5pm

[www.yourchronicle.com](http://www.yourchronicle.com)

## Tracey rubs shoulders with the royals



Tracey and Rachel at the garden party at the palace

IT was a day of fancy frocks, cucumber sandwiches, miniature cakes and royalty for a Brierley Hill ambulance worker at a Royal Garden Party.

Tracey Cole has worked at West Midlands Ambulance Service for about 15 years and jumped at the chance to be at Buckingham Palace for the event.

Miss Cole, aged 47, was among about 7,000 guests at the first of the year's three Royal Garden Parties last Wednesday. She said: "It was really

nice, and so posh and fancy. I loved the dressing up. I'll take any excuse to buy a new dress and shoes."

Miss Cole, who is chief financial accountant at the ambulance service, was accompanied by her eldest daughter Rachel.

The two queued with the thousands of others for about half an hour before the gates to the palace opened at 3pm. From there they spent the next couple of hours enjoying the fancy food and

drink, although Miss Cole joked that she had struggled with the absence of coffee. She said: "The food was lovely and so perfect. But I don't like tea and there was no coffee!"

Miss Cole, who also has another daughter Zoe, 19, and lives in Hollyhock Road, Dudley, said she had been nominated by the ambulance service's chief executive. One of the most memorable parts of the event for Miss Cole was seeing the Duchess of Cambridge

## Murder suspect Luke set for trial

MURDER suspect Luke Walker told of his fears as he flew back to Crete to face trial over the death of his girlfriend.

The 25-year-old, his parents and brother, all from Brierley Hill, flew back to the holiday island last week aiming to prove he did not kill Chelsea Hyndman.

Seventeen witnesses are lined up - 11 of them friends of both Luke and Chelsea flown out from the UK - in an effort to prove his 20-year-old girlfriend died from the results of a fall.

If convicted, he could face a life sentence, which could be about 20 years. He said: "I know I'm innocent and feel confident. But there is always doubt about what will happen."

Luke's parents, Patrick and Lindy, have remortgaged the family home in Gayfield Avenue, Brierley Hill. But they reckon they are still £60,000 in debt as they fund the costs of his defence - £300,000 so far and mounting.

"If he gets a fair trial and there are no lies or deceit, he will be exonerated," said Patrick, aged 57, who runs Walker's Electrics in Brierley Hill.

## Speakers at help seminar

BUSINESS owners from around the West Midlands attended a breakfast seminar aimed at offering advice and support organised by an MP.

Margot James, who is the member of parliament for Stourbridge, hosted the event to help businesses looking to either begin exporting or expand their overseas operations.

She opened the NatWest Route to Growth: Export Seminar at the Ruskin Glass Centre, in Amblecote, last week with a short speech about the challenges and opportunities for the UK.

## Ex-champ talks

FORMER world champion flyweight boxer Charlie Magri will be the guest speaker at a sporting lunch. He will be speaking at the Gentlemen's Friday Club event at The Novotel in Broad Street, Birmingham, on July 5. Tickets are available from Grays on 01543 502049.

## Vandals desecrate war memorial in rifle theft

VANDALS have desecrated a war memorial dedicated to soldiers who died in the Boer War by stealing an ornate bronze rifle.

Former soldiers condemned criminals who damaged the memorial at Dudley Cemetery which has stood since 1904. Leading MPs joined the calls to catch the culprits following

## Council on board with new energy bills scheme

COUNCIL bosses have signed up to a new scheme which could help Dudley borough residents save money on their fuel bills.

Dudley Council has launched the pilot Big Community Energy Switch which could secure discounted tariffs from energy providers if enough people sign up. The council is now urging people to register with the collective energy switching scheme.

David Sparks, leader of the council, said: "We understand the financial pressures many families face throughout the year and fuel bills are one of the biggest costs to households. Energy bills are continuing to rise for most people and this scheme is about the council helping where we can."

"The more people who register their interest, the greater the chance of us securing a lower fuel bill for people."

Scheme information is processed through iChoor and an auction takes place and energy companies are asked to make their best tariff offer with the lowest offering. The next auction will take place on June 4 and people need to register their interest by June 3. Visit [www.dudley.gov.uk/resident](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident).

attacks reported on war memorials and cenotaphs around the West Midlands and Staffordshire.

They hope that new legislation introduced by government ministers to toughen laws on the sale of scrap metal will stem the tide.

Royal British Legion branch members in Dudley have surveyed the damage caused to the monument at the cemetery off Stourbridge Road and demanded it is protected.

Council officers have inspected the monument and are looking at ways that it could be restored.

The thieves caused potentially thousands of pounds of damage to the monument when they ripped the rifle away.

## Damage

It is not known exactly when the rifle was stolen or the damage caused to the structure.

The memorial is dedicated to 56 soldiers who died during the Second Boer War between 1899 and 1902.

Former councillor Malcolm Davis, who is chairman of the Dudley branch of the Royal British Legion, said it was "disrespectful" to the servicemen's families.

He was joined by brothers Horace and Alan Bissell, who both saw service in the Second World War, in calling for action to restore the memorial.

"Honestly, I don't know what is wrong with these people, that they would think it was fine to cause this kind of damage," said Mr Davis.

"It is an absolute disgrace and is disrespectful."



The rifle is missing after vandals attacked the memorial in Dudley Cemetery



How the war memorial looked complete with the rifle before the attack

## Youth admits stealing jewels

A TEENAGER has admitted stealing £1,500 of irreplaceable jewellery from a Dudley pensioner. The jewellery had been given to the 77-year-old by her late husband.

Miss Lynda Gudgeon, prosecuting at Dudley Youth Court, said: "This was a nasty distraction burglary and the victim has had many sleepless nights following this."

The victim, a widow since 2009, had answered her door on February 4 and found two youths standing there, the court was

told. One of the boys asked to use the toilet and when the victim turned away, the two boys were suddenly inside her home.

Miss Gudgeon added: "They were there no longer than five minutes and she told them they would have to go as she was expecting her husband back for his tea."

While the youths distracted her, the 17-year-old Walsall boy sneaked in the back door and stole the jewellery. The teenager will be sentenced on June 18.

**ABLE BROMLEY CARPETS/BEDS**  
FURNITURE/RUGS/VINYLS & LAMINATES  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DISCOUNT WAREHOUSE



DISABLED? OAP? CAN'T GET OUT?  
OR ANYONE WHO JUST NEEDS EXTRA HELP!

Can't come to us, we'll come to you - We will bring 100s of carpet samples and bed brochures to your door  
WE DO WHAT OTHER CARPET FIRMS WON'T Remove and take away old carpets/beds Move heavy furniture and shave doors PLUS FREE FITTING ON ALL CARPETS when purchasing our underlay.  
Terms and conditions apply. Family run Est since 1979

Click on-line for many great prices [www.ablecarpets.co.uk](http://www.ablecarpets.co.uk)

80/20 Wool Twists  
from  
**£8.99** sq yd

Quality Wiltons  
only  
**£14.99** sq yd

Divan Beds  
Single from £96  
Double from £160

Quality Double  
Memory Foam bed  
RRP Was £899  
Now **£317**

Warehouse Unit D1 Dormston Trading Est. Burton Road, Gornal DY1 2UF  
Open: Mon-Sat 9.30-5.00 Call anytime between

Freephone  
**0800 0853747**

Dudley, Halesowen, Stourbridge,  
Kingswinford, Pedmore, Kinver, Wordsley, Pensnett, Gornal, Hagley  
**Adrian Bromley**  
**01902 880541**

Up to **75% OFF**  
We will beat your BIG Superstores

## HOMECLAD

- FASCIAS
- GUTTERING
- SOFFITS
- CLADDING
- TILE EDGING



**BEST VALUE IN THE MIDLANDS**  
PREMIUM  
PRODUCTS EXPERTLY  
FITTED BY A LOCAL  
FAMILY COMPANY

**SPECIAL OFFER**  
FREE guttering and downpipes

**0800 73 13 946**  
CALL FOR A NO OBLIGATION QUOTE

16 MONUMENT AVENUE STOURBRIDGE DY9 8XS

## Broken Dentures?

\*\*\*\*\*  
1 hour  
denture  
repair  
service  
\*\*\*\*\*

**New Dentures**  
available & made at...

**The Dental Shop**  
Est. 1981

**01384 413444**

201-203 Halesowen Road, Old Hill, W. Mids. B64 6HE  
[www.the-dental-shop.co.uk](http://www.the-dental-shop.co.uk)

FOOTWORKS  
Chiropody Clinic

- Full range of services with disabled friendly access
- Nail Cutting and Trimming
- Diabetic Footcare
- Corns and Calluses

**01384 413444**

201-203 Halesowen Road, Old Hill B64 6HE

[www.footworkschiropodists.co.uk](http://www.footworkschiropodists.co.uk)



## Order on wannabe fireman

A WANNABE fireman who started a blaze in the men's toilets at Dudley Library has been made subject of an interim hospital order.

Dean Challoner, aged 22, set fire to the toilet roll dispenser in the first-floor toilets, causing more than £6,000 of damage.

At Wolverhampton Crown Court, Challoner, of Vale Court in Cradley Heath, admitted a charge of arson and being reckless as to whether life was endangered. The court heard he had an obsession with fire and a history of learning disabilities.

Judge Robin Onions gave Challoner a 12-week interim hospital order for a psychiatric assessment before sentencing on August 9.

He will remain in the care of his father, before moving to a hospital on June 3.

Judge Onions said: "He set fire to a toilet roll, he has an absolute fascination in fires - he wants to be a fireman."

"There is also a history of fires at his home and here he is setting fire in a public library. It is a concern."

Judge Onions asked that police provide information about previous fires at Challoner's home before sentencing in two months.

## Alcoholic is sent to jail

AN alcoholic who repeatedly beat his ex-girlfriend with a broken clothes rail during a row at her home has been jailed for 10 months.

Dean Hickinbottom launched the attack on his former partner after she tried to get her keys from his jeans to lock up as he lay asleep on the bed.

At Wolverhampton Crown Court, Hickinbottom, aged 40, of Wallace Road in Oldbury, admitted assault causing bodily harm at an earlier hearing. Mr Ekwall Tiwana, defending, said Hickinbottom had reduced his alcohol intake.

## Woman rescued

AN elderly woman has been rescued from a chip pan fire in her flat in Halesowen. Firefighters were called to the ground floor flat in Belle Vale and forced their way into the home after seeing smoke coming out of the windows. The woman, believed to be in her 70s, was led to safety. She was taken to hospital suffering from smoke inhalation.

# Police are granted extra powers over jobs

POLICE have been granted extra powers to tackle troublemakers in Dudley Wood after complaints from residents about street drinking, fighting and vandalism.

A dispersal order has been made to combat anti-social behaviour and means officers can move on groups if they are suspected of causing a nuisance.

They can also take under-16s found hanging around back home to their families between 9pm and 6am. The order covers Dudley Wood Road, Saltwells Road, Halesowen Road, Molyneux Road, The Bowling Green Estate, The Beck

and The Race Meadows Estate. It runs for six months.

Police said those found to be consistently breaking the order, or any individual anti-social behaviour orders, face possible eviction from the area and further civil interventions.

Pc Reg Steele, responsible for implementing the dispersal order, said: "We are pleased to have secured this dispersal order and hope to reduce issues of crime and anti-social behaviour across the locality. Sadly, the actions of a few individuals have a negative effect on the

whole community and we hope that this order will enable us to make a real difference to those who are suffering due to anti-social behaviour."

Councillor Steve Waltho, said: "Dispersal Authorisation Notices are one of the tools that the partnership uses to tackle anti-social behaviour and we have supported the recent application from the police to use dispersal powers over the next six months in the Dudley Wood area."

Similar orders have been made in the Queens Way area of Wollecote and in

Pensnett. Earlier this year the council approved plans to close an footpath in nearby Quarry Bank because it had been plagued by anti-social behaviour.

Residents had long complained about the walkway between Robin Hood Road and Marion Close.

A petition signed by 35 people calling for action was handed in to council chiefs.

The path was often used by people as part of a route from the village to the Merry Hill shopping centre.

# Nurse is suspended after screaming at her mentor

A NURSE at Russells Hall Hospital who screamed 'I hate you' at her hospital mentor after making a series of blunders has been banned from work for four months.

Seema Faulkner's errors included switching off a patient's blood pressure monitor for nearly six hours. She also administered blood intravenously when untrained and failed to take a diabetic patient's blood sugar measurements. The allegations against her were found proved at a Nursing and Midwifery Council hearing in central London.

Issuing her with a four-month suspension, panel chairman Andy Thompson said: "There were clinical failings caused mostly when you began working in an acute situation with which you were unfamiliar."

"In your last position you were clinically competent, an area of nursing you had previously worked in caring for elderly patients."

Faulkner had previously nursed at a care home before working at Russell Hall's Accident and Emergency department.

The hearing, which ran over two days in January and on Monday and Tuesday this week, heard Faulkner admit eight charges while a further 10 were proved against her.

One of these was that she had switched off a patient's blood pressure monitor at 10.30pm on October 11, 2009, and it was not switched on again until 4am.

by Lee Watton

When challenged about the mistake, she had blamed the machine and pleaded for it not to be reported because she would be in 'big trouble', said colleague Michelle Donovan.

Ms Donovan also discovered Faulkner had not checked on a patient with low blood pressure during a shift on September 28, 2009, and had no idea whether he had been given extra fluids.

She said Faulkner was 'quite blasé' about the error. Faulkner also left a drugs cabinet unlocked so a patient could have access, but did not report the incident to her managers and gave intravenous blood when untrained, failed to check a blood sugar measurement, and did not check a patient's blood pressure.

Eight charges, including an allegation she posted a message on a mentor's Facebook page promising 'an eye for an eye' were withdrawn by the NMC.

## Teenager's makeover wish is granted



Paige Doherty getting a makeover from Stacey Dowler, 21, left, from Twirls and Curly, during her stay in hospital

TEENAGER Paige Doherty's health has had a rough time lately but she has been given a glamorous gift to keep her spirits up.

The Kingswinford girl, aged 15, has had seven stays in hospital since she was first admitted for persistent vomiting in July 2011.

The latest of these visits saw her admitted to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital at the beginning of March,

where she remains on the children's ward. Thanks to the Wishing Well charity and its director Steve Ford, however, Paige was given a makeover to cheer her up. Paige's mother Joanne, aged 40 and of Bromley Lane, said: "She has loved every minute of it."

Mrs Doherty, who is a housewife, said her daughter had filled out the wish form a month ago after Mr Ford

made one of his regularly visits to the ward to deliver them.

Paige, who lives with her parents and sister Stacey, aged 21, Mitchell, aged 18, and Callum, aged 17, is home tutored but previously attended Summerhill School in Kingswinford.

She wished for a makeover and mobile hair and make-up woman Stacey Dowler had stepped in to make her wish come true.

## NEWS in brief

### Electronics and jewellery stolen

THOUSANDS of pounds of electronic items and jewellery were stolen in a burglary on a rural home in a village outside Stourbridge.

Police say the thieves got into the house in Vine Lane in Clent through a conservatory door.

The items taken included a Dell laptop worth £600, an Apple laptop worth £1,500, a Panasonic camcorder worth £300, a Sony camcorder worth £300 and costume jewellery. Call police on 0300 333 3000.

### Plaque to honour ex-transport chief

A PLAQUE will be unveiled at Stourbridge bus station to Dudley's former transport chief Councillor Angus Adams.

A ceremony will be held in memory of the 67-year-old, who died last year.

Councillor Adams, who was chairman of Centro, was the driving force behind plans for the £7million bus station. But he died shortly before it was opened.

A granite plaque will be unveiled by Stourbridge MP Margot James at 11.45am on June 7.

### Animal therapy for dementia victims

PEOPLE with dementia and their carers have been enjoying some animal therapy. Dudley Zoo's outreach team visited the Halesowen Dementia Gateway with creatures, including a bearded dragon, ferret, rats, and hissing cockroaches.

Councillor Dave Brannwood, said: "The animal therapy has been just one of the activities on offer."

### Art project wins national award

A DUDLEY community project that offers arts workshops and exhibition space has won a national award.

Staff from Artspace occupies empty town centre properties to offer art workshops to adults and families. Artspace has won first place in the Learning Through Arts and Culture Award.

### Group needs help

THE St John's Preservation Group in Dudley is looking for people to help with work at St John's Church, Kates Hill. Contact Deb Brownlee on 0121 211 1000 or schurch@hotmail.co.uk.

## WINDOW WIZARD

Over 10 years experience

Supplied & Fitted Of All New Window & Doors  
Double Glazing Repair Specialist

- Locksmiths (24hr)
- Broken Hinges
- Handles • Misted Unit
- Rubber Seals
- Conservatory Leaks
- Guttering and Fascias
- Building and Property maintenance
- Landlords/Commercial work undertaken

20% Off All Work For O.A.P

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

www.window-wizard.co.uk

Call Sue or Dave on

0121 422 9655/07944 097469

## PROFESSIONAL CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING



Meet Adrian, the manager of Professional Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning. He has over 20 years experience of cleaning, repairs and fitting carpets. He also cleans upholstery as well as leather, home and office. No job too big or small. Technician Woolsafe Accredited

Telephone anytime for a free quotation

Covering all  
Stourbridge, Dudley &  
Halesowen areas

TEL: 01384 444022  
or 0121 585 6591

## M & H FIREPLACES

RETAILER OF THE YEAR  
2002-2003



OPEN 5 DAYS. CLOSED WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY

Visit our showroom at:  
Forge Lane, Cradley Heath, Halesowen, B64 5AL  
(Opposite Cradley Bus and Train Station)  
Telephone: 01384 345400



## NEWS

THE BEST  
OF PETER  
RHODES

THERE may be no great global conspiracy behind the Woolwich murder. Knife-wielding maniacs who think they hear the voice of God were with us long before al Qaeda came along. Some psychopaths have a compulsion to kill. Religion gives them an excuse.

□ □ □

THIS week the FTSE index has been at a dizzying 6,700-plus. This is about the level at which we ordinary folk begin to shift our savings out of boring old building societies and into some exciting new Stock Market-linked scheme with a glossy brochure. However, this is the month when professional investors, who have been busy buying stock and pushing the FTSE up, are tempted by the old maxim: "Sell in May and go away." And if they decide to take their enormous profits and run, you could be left with your glossy brochure and not much else.

□ □ □

ANOTHER reader writes to tell me the finest oven-proof glassware comes from Jamaica and is known as the Pyrex of the Caribbean.

□ □ □

THIS week's sad report on the decline of British wildlife reminds me of one of the most memorable assignments I ever had, 10 years ago on the Scottish island of Benbecula. Hedgehogs, introduced in the 1970s, were eating the eggs of sea birds and a cull had been ordered to rid the island of this "alien" species. Before the cull began, conservationists were busy trapping the creatures and shipping them to the British mainland where they would be released into safe areas. Sadly, those hedgehogs and their descendants, assuming they bred, may well be dead. The report, by 25 wildlife organisations, shows the UK hedgehog population has dropped by one-third in the past decade. Historians may well wonder why the experts, blessed with a thriving colony of these endearing little mammals on Benbecula, decided that birds were more important and eradicated it.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Horses bring rush-hour in road to a standstill

**STRAY horses brought rush-hour chaos to a major Dudley road and surrounding streets – as cars slowed to a crawl to avoid frightening the wandering animals.**

Residents in Sandford Road, Dudley, said their 'hearts were in their mouths' as they woke to see two horses, one white and the other brown, trotting along the nearby Himley Road.

The animals walked slowly along the junction of Sandford Road and Himley Road, forcing drivers to stop until the horses had passed at around 8am on May 23. They eventually trotted into Merryfield Road before stopping to graze on a large patch of grassland, allowing traffic to move freely once again.

But the horses were soon on the move again, ambling along Sandford Road stopping only to chew on plants and bushes in residents' gardens.

## Frighten

They walked to nearby Langstone Road, where drivers again had to stop so as not to frighten the animals. The horses then walked back to the patch of grassland in Merryfield Road where they continued to graze. Residents said it was not the first time stray horses had been left to roam along streets in the area – with similar problems last year. Merryfield Road resident Lisa Buxton said: "I

**by Lee Watton**

was so scared for the safety of both the horses and motorists when I saw the animals walking along the Himley Road," she said. "My heart was in my mouth. There was a real danger of an accident. People have had to take extra care when leaving their drives in our street so as not to frighten the horses."

"It is such a shame. They are lovely animals and I think everyone is really worried about something happening to them."

She said one of the animals had wandered on to her garden. Fellow resident Lynne Ward added: "It is hard to understand why the owners would let them roam free like this."

Councillor Tracy Wood said: "We received a report of the two stray horses. They were on the highway and the report was passed on to the police." Horses on the highway should be reported directly to the police on 0345 113 5000.

## New centre creates 15 jobs

A BUSINESS set up to help residents make their homes more energy efficient has opened its new headquarters in the Black Country, creating 15 jobs.

Green Deal staff cut the ribbon at the site, on Enterprise Trading Estate, Pedmore Road, Dudley, at a ceremony attended by Mayor of Dudley Alan Finch.

Part of the centre will be used to train people on how to assess homes to be more energy efficient.

Training on fitting exterior and interior wall insulation will also take place in another part of the site. Clients including councils, housing associations and installation firms will be able to visit the centre to request assessments on properties.

Assessors will then be allocated from the site to carry out each job.

The 15 new positions have been created in administration and management positions – and bosses said more would be taken on as the business expanded.

The site is Green Deal's first main base. Project manager Karla Wynter said



Front from left Dudley Mayor Alan Finch, managing director Andy Wynter, Mayress Heather Finch, strategic leader Phil Wynter, and, back, managing director Ross Williams, project manager Karla Wynter, office manager Jodie Hale and director Wayne Greet

the firm worked nationally. But she added chiefs decided to set up their main base in the Black Country as its managing director Andy Wynter, Karla's father, was from Wolverhampton.

She said: "The location on the trading estate was absolutely perfect for us and

is the perfect base for what we want to do in the future."

"My father is from the area and wanted to bring new jobs and opportunities to the region. We will be looking to expand."

"Once that has been done we hope to take on more people."

## Work on offer as archives near end

DOZENS of work placements are being offered at the new £6 million archives centre in Dudley.

Council bosses have made the positions available to unemployed people who are looking to get back into work.

Construction of the centre, in Tipton Road, near the Black Country Living Museum is nearing completion and is due to open this year.

Job placements being offered include opportunities for carpenters, painters and decorators and administrators.

Dudley Council's deputy head of service for adult and community learning Viv Webb said: "We recognise the importance of employability and of supporting local unemployed people who often through lack of work experience have failed to land work."

Graham Cresswell, commercial director of builder G F Tomlinson, said: "GF Tomlinson is delighted to assist Dudley Council."

## Pub plan pulled

A PROPOSAL to turn a former pub in Dudley into shops has been dropped. The conversion plan for the Hearty Goodfellow, in Maughan Street, has been withdrawn. Dudley Council officers said the plan did not fit in with the council's vision for the area.

# BATHROOM MAGIC

## GERMAN QUALITY

**Bathroom Magic is proud to announce the arrival of Pelipal vanity units to our showroom.**

Pelipal is a quality German bathroom furniture manufacturer who offers top quality products giving great value for your hard earned money.

Using the latest laser technology, Pelipal has precise German engineering, innovative LED lighting and modern design all wrapped up in seamless style.

The team at Bathroom Magic are ready to make choosing your new room an easy and enjoyable experience, giving you quality and value with excellent customer service.

**Visit us today and see for yourself . . .**

**FULL DESIGN SERVICE AND INSTALLATION SERVICE**

"Sit back and let us do everything. We will come and visit, measure up, design, supply and install your dream bathroom" (Supply only also available) **FREE** quotations. **3 year guarantee** on installations. **WET ROOM SPECIALISTS**

UNIT 35, ENTERPRISE TRADING ESTATE, HURST LAKE, BRIDLEWAY, DYS YTH TEL: 01384 79388

www.bathroommagicuk.co.uk

Opening times: Monday - Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday: 10am-4pm, Sunday: Closed

## QUALITY & COMFORT

Tailor made for you

### Up to 50% off showroom stock

*Handmade suites to suit all Budgets*

- Wide Selection of Fabrics
- Tailor Made Suites and Chairs
- Home Demonstrations Available
- Mobility Furniture
- 10 Year Guarantee on Frames
- We do full re-covers

Broadcote Ind Est., Unit 4, Station Road, Old Hill B64 6NT

**"WE CAN COME TO YOU FOR MOBILITY FURNITURE"**

**0121 559 3057**

Plimbley Travel Luxury Coach Travel Door - to - Door Pick-ups			
JUN 8-15	TORQUAY	8 DAYS	£349 HB
JUN 15-22	SKEGNESS	8 DAYS	£319 HB
JUN 29-JUL	6 GREAT YARMOUTH	8 DAYS	£339 HB
JUL 1-5	TENBY ALL INCLUSIVE	5 DAYS	£259
JUL 5-9	SIDMOUTH	5 DAYS	£349 HB
JUL 7-13	WEYMOUTH	7 DAYS	£369 HB
JUL 8-12	PAIGNTON	5 DAYS	£275 HB
JUL 13-19	EASTBOURNE	7 DAYS	£375 HB
JUL 22-26	LLANDUDNO	5 DAYS	£225 HB
JUL 27-AUG 3	ISLE OF WIGHT	8 DAYS	£375 HB
AUG 5-9	WESTON-SUPER-MARE	5 DAYS	£259 HB
AUG 10-17	WEYMOUTH	8 DAYS	£349 HB
AUG 12-16	BRIDLINGTON	5 DAYS	£249 HB

**2013 Brochures Now Available**  
01902 789723/0121 369 0233  
www.plimbleytravel.co.uk

## CleverCLOSET

MAXIMISE YOUR HOME STORAGE

**3 drawer unit**

**Was £499**  
**Now £399**  
**Delivered**

Works around all utility meters & fits under every stairs

**£399**  
Delivered

Contact us at [clevercloset.co.uk](http://clevercloset.co.uk)  
Telephone us at 0800 011 4804 or  
Email us: [sales@clevercloset.co.uk](mailto:sales@clevercloset.co.uk)



## Marston's is boosting its bottling

MARSTON'S brewery aims to build up sales of its bottled beers after investing £7 million in a new production line.

The Wolverhampton group is installing the new bottling line at the Marston's Brewery site in Burton upon Trent.

When it comes on line in September it will be used for bottling beers from across the group's breweries.

Marston's took the decision to invest to exploit the growing bottled premium ale market. It currently tops the UK market with 17.5 per cent ahead of Green King with 14.6 per cent and Shepherd Neame with 9.3 per cent.

As well as increasing production of its own bottled beers, the line will also be used to expand Marston's contract bottling business for other brewers.

The group, which includes Banks's in Wolverhampton, Jennings, Wychwood, Ringwood and Brakspear hopes to increase sales through both supermarkets and off licences.

## Film on sketches

A DOCUMENTARY is to be shown about mystery drawings of late singer Mario Lanza on beer mats left in pubs all over the Black Country since the 1970s.

The artist signs every one AJW. Documentary maker Barney Snow has made a film called *Some Day I'll Find You* which will show on June 21 at 7pm at the UCL Cinema, Torrington Square.

# Rare treat as 'mechanical horses' turn up at station



Organiser John Giles, of Bewdley, with his 1936 Scammell lorry



Club member Neville Dyson, of Sheffield, next to his 1966 Scammell Townsman



Volunteer porter Paul Barnfield, of Birmingham, next to a Scammell vehicle

**THOUSANDS** of visitors to the Severn Valley Railway enjoyed a rare treat as staff took a trip down memory lane using unusual transport.

They were able to get a glimpse of some of the few remaining 'mechanical horses' - small articulated lorries once used by the railways for parcel deliveries.

For three days, staff and volunteers on the railway used the unusual form of road transport that disappeared during the 1960s.

The three-wheeled tractors and their two-wheeled trailer units, built by Scammell,

were once a common sight at railway stations around the country and were used to deliver parcels and goods locally.

They were literally the motorised successor to the horse-drawn carts of the old railway companies but were phased out almost 50 years ago, along with the age of steam. John Giles, aged 64, from Bewdley, the event organiser and volunteer driver on the Severn Valley Railway, took three of the rare vehicles he has restored to the event in Kidderminster.

He said: "It was a great success. We have 12 vehicles from across the country on display and this enhanced the experience of visitors on the railway."

"The event was based at various points around Kidderminster Station and we had one of the earliest, a 1936 Great Western Railway mechanical horse, and one of the latest, a Townsman from 1966, on show."

"All of them came off the road in 1970 and most people less than 50 years old might never have seen one."

## Restoring

"They certainly cause interest whenever I take them out to shows."

John is currently working on restoring more of the vehicles which he has rescued from scrapyards around the country.

Scammell built more than 30,000 of the

versatile, 'turn-on-a-sixpence' lorries in three versions between 1934 and 1968, but only 120 or so survive, and few of them are in working order. A dozen working examples were on show for the Mechanical Horse event.

John added: "It's rare to see even one of these wonderful old vehicles, so to see about a dozen of them buzzing around Kidderminster's cobbled station forecourt in the course of a day was amazing for visitors."

The three-day event also marked both the 30th anniversary of the Mechanical Horse Club and the 80th anniversary of the construction of the first Mechanical Horse at Scammell's factory in Watford.

## NEWS

### in brief

#### MP in push for pensions boost

SOUTH Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson has pressed the government to do more for pensioners.

He raised the matter during a Commons debate over issues relating to the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP).

Mr Williamson asked work and pensions secretary Iain Duncan Smith what was being done. But Minister of State for Pensions Steve Webb replied: "Even where we have had to take difficult decisions on welfare spending, we have systematically protected pensioners from the impacts of changes."

#### Chief's campaign on force funding

THE West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner has launched a campaign calling on the Government to increase funding for the force.

Bob Jones says £126 million of cuts have already been made and he fears more could be on the way. He also claims the force doesn't get what it is supposed to in funding.

To find out more visit [www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/your-commissioner/fair-deal-for-policing](http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/your-commissioner/fair-deal-for-policing).

#### Wine's a winner

A VINEYARD in Staffordshire has won an award for its red wine. Clive and Martin Vickers, of Halfpenny Green Vineyards, won silver in this year's Decanter World Wine Awards for their 2011 Rondo wine.

# RYDALE

## CELEBRATING OVER 28 YEARS

## WINDOWS & CONSERVATORIES, PORCHES ORANGERIES, FASCIAS & SOFFIT BOARDS

• SUPPLIED & FITTED TO ALL AREAS •

• ACROSS THE MIDLANDS •

**Quality Assured**

**RYDALE SERVICES**  
WINDOW & DOOR REPAIRS

CONSERVATORY REPAIR SPECIALISTS

• LOCKS • SEALANT  
• SEALED • HANDLES  
• UNITS • FASCIA &  
• GASKETS • GUTTERING

Telephone: 0121 559 4211  
Long Lane, Blackheath, Halesowen  
[www.rydalewindows.co.uk](http://www.rydalewindows.co.uk)

**MASSIVE DISCOUNT ON ALL ORDERS PLACED NOW FOR JUNE INSTALLATION**

SUPPLY ONLY WINDOWS & CONSERVATORIES  
**MASSIVE DISCOUNTS**

You are invited to visit one of the largest Conservatory and Window Showrooms in the UK

## FINANCE AVAILABLE

### Window, Conservatory, Porch, Fascia & Soffit News

#### How has Rydale built up an excellent reputation?

It's simple, customers' satisfaction and quality. The quality of Rydale's product, the quality of all Rydale personnel and the unbeatable service given to the public is second to none. No wonder Rydale has so many satisfied customers, just look at the facts. Every window and conservatory is custom made to the most rigorous quality standards you will find in the industry.

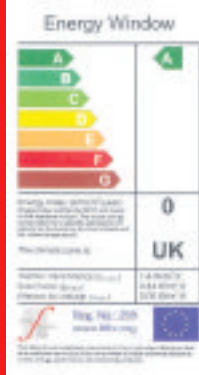
No other company in the area has more experience and know how than Rydale, that's why we have been in business for more than 28 years. Rydale Windows security features make our windows super safe. We have a wide range of products on display at our purpose built 40,000 sq. ft showrooms and factories situated in Long Lane, Halesowen.

Our window and conservatory advisors are available in our showrooms weekdays from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm and Saturday 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. At Rydale we feel that it is very important to see products on display before you make your final decision to purchase. We invite you to come into our showrooms to view all our products available, the showrooms are here for you the customer.

At Rydale we do not take any deposits or stage payments. You only pay when the installation has been completed. Rydale has been a trusted brand in our area for over 28 years. If we give you a guarantee we will always be here to honour it. Can that be said of any other company in the area? Rydale also offer a Supply Only service on all products including free delivery.

**AT RYDALE WE CARE ABOUT THE CUSTOMER, SPEND YOUR MONEY WISELY.**

**VISIT OUR SHOWROOMS, WE ARE HERE FOR YOU THE CUSTOMER**



## SPRING SALE NOW ON

Visit our Showroom & Factories for immediate quotations



Open weekdays 9am to 5.30pm, Sat 9am to 4pm, Sun CLOSED

# FREEPHONE : 0800 917 6060

Long Lane, Blackheath, Halesowen, B62 9LS

[www.rydalewindows.co.uk](http://www.rydalewindows.co.uk)





## NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW

WITH  
MARK  
ANDREWS

ARE you prepared for the collapse of civilisation this Friday? If not, be afraid, very afraid.

May 31 is the date that has been chosen by the civil servants in the departments of Education and Business to down their ballpoints and go on strike.

Those of a less benevolent disposition than myself might think this is a nice bit of timing, coming at the end of half-term and just days after the bank holiday. Better still, all Whitehall civil servants also enjoyed a special 'privilege' day off on Tuesday this week, although they still had to show up for work on Wednesday and Thursday. Pain or what?

Apparently the strike is over pay and pensions. Come on, brothers, you can do better than that. What about the excessive working hours?

MIND you, maybe there is something to be said for giving some of our hardworking public servants a few extra days off.

Personally, I think traffic wardens are one of the most overworked sectors of our community, and they of all people, surely deserve a few extra 'privilege' days for their contribution. I dunno, say something in the region of 365 days a year, with a bonus day on a leap year. They've earned it.

IN a similar vein, UK Independence Party founder Professor Alan Sked was right to ridicule MEP Godfrey Bloom for suggesting UKIP could address its lack of policies by buying some 'off the shelf' from think tanks.

Surely that would deprive UKIP of its unique selling point? In an age when politicians never tire of telling us what we should eat, when we can drink, how we should empty our bins, the idea of a political party with no policies sounds tantalisingly attractive.

Vote for us, and we won't mess anything up because we won't do anything. I'd vote for it.

ACCORDING to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Better Life Index, Australians are the happiest people in the world.

Of course they are. Let's face it, their ancestors were the ones who were sent to the land of endless sunshine and Foster's, while their mates were left behind sewing mailbags and breaking rocks.

Still, I do think the result might have been skewed by the timing of the survey, and it would have been much better had the OECD hung fire until the end of August.

Let's wait until we've thrashed them in the Ashes. Then we'll see who's laughing...



Suzanne Flynn, Peter Burden, vice-chancellor Prof Geoff Layer, Rod Seiwewright and Prof Derek Sheldon



Former and current students with the University of Wolverhampton's vice-chancellor, Professor Geoff Layer, and the dean of technology, Professor Nduka Ekere during their visit to the museum at Bletchley Park



Suzanne Flynn, Prof Derek Sheldon, Eli Barnett and Alison Cheshire study a programming tape

# Witch way to look at an old computer

Former Wolverhampton students tell **TOM MASON** of the fun and faults when using the Electronic Brain

**SILICON** Valley and Bletchley Park may have been the pioneers in computing – but the former Wolverhampton and Staffordshire Technical College also had an impact on early technology.

The world's oldest working digital computer, The Harwell Dekatron, had a home in Wolverhampton for more than 16 years.

Dubbed the 'Electronic Brain', the computer began its working life in 1951 at the former Harwell RAF base, near Oxford, where it was used to help in atomic technology research.

But just five years later the machine was outdated. However, instead of being dismantled, it was saved and became a competition prize for colleges across the country.

## Teaching

More than 30 entered the prestigious contest – including the technical College, which is now the University of Wolverhampton.

It was Wolverhampton which won the bid and the computer moved to its new home in 1956.

By June 1957 it was operational and students had their first chance to use the machine, which remained one of only 17 computers in the UK.

During its time in the Black Country the Wolverhampton Instrument for Teaching Computation from Harwell became known as WITCH.

Fast forward more than five decades as the very students who were some of the first to work on the computer in Wolverhampton were invited to see the machine at its home at The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park. Professor



Delwyn Holroyd, restoration team leader, makes a few final tweaks before showing what the two-and-a-half ton machine can do

Derek Sheldon, aged 74, was one of the earliest users of the machine in 1959 when he was college student.

He had mixed experiences of its abilities during his time studying for a Diploma in Technical and Mechanical Engineering.

"It was amazing getting our first results but at times the machine didn't always work and would just freeze, often at a crucial moment," Professor Sheldon, who lives in Solihull, says.

"Having said that, we weren't really told how to use it and there was no manual. We were just shown it and told

sums," says the 70-year-old from Penn. "It was a marvellous machine to play with, especially with all those lights and switches, it was all rather fun."

He used the machine to work out thousands of combinations for locks and keys for the Wolverhampton lockmakers, Chubb, and would later have a key role to play when the machine was finally restored.

As Kevin Murrell, trustee of the TNMOC says: "The machine had lived a very charmed."

After finishing it's time at the university it was sent to Birmingham Museum of Science and Industry.

Kevin, a typical geeky teen from Birmingham, fell in love with the machine during the 1970s and would make regular trips to sketch the machine, which would remain on display until the museum's closure in 1997.

However he would be reunited with the machine many years later.

## Cleared

He says: "I was at one of the museum storage in Birmingham looking for another computer in a pile of things that included a stuffed owl and an Art Deco chip fryer from Stourbridge."

"We cleared a few things and I happened to look down on the floor and see a control panel that I recognised. I knew instantly I had found the WITCH."

He adds: "The machine is not as fast as others but it is more reliable than any other computer of its time."

"It's brilliant to see the machine teaching people about computing again as it had done all those years ago in Wolverhampton."

The University of Wolverhampton's vice chancellor, Professor Geoff Layer, was also at Bletchley to meet some of the former students and see the machine in operation.

He says: "People have a weird perception of Wolverhampton and the Black Country as a place of older industries, but the city has always been and continues to be a leading light in all areas of teaching including computing."

## THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1983...

MARRIED couples in Walsall were invited to a special church service to repeat their wedding vows. The Rev Joe Edwards, of All Saints Church, invited all people married at the church in the previous five years to attend the service, which included a piece of wedding cake.

MORE than 400 youngsters applied for just 50 vacancies for trainees in Sandwell's public works division. The applications flooded in before council officials had chance to advertise the posts.

AN over-amorous drake was making feathers fly in Wolverhampton's West Park – by fighting off all the competition. Marvin the Muscovy had all the ducks to himself during the mating season after sending the other drakes quacking.

### 1993...

A WILLENHALL pensioner toasted the 40th anniversary of the Queen's coronation with a very special brew. Bill Hawley from New Invention kept two bottles of Mitchells and Butlers' coronation ale in his fridge for 40 years without touching a drop.

A REPTILE house keeper at the West Midlands Safari Park was recovering in hospital after being bitten by a rattlesnake. Mark O'Shea from Wolverhampton was attempting to feed the venomous snake when it struck in front of a crowd of shocked onlookers.

GLORIOUS sunshine welcomed more than 70,000 fun-lovers to the two-day Wolverhampton Extravaganza in West Park. The event, which cost the council £35,000 to stage, attracted visitors from all over the country.

### 2003...

SEVERN Valley Railway celebrated its 125th anniversary in a subdued style like the original opening of the line in 1878. As no trains ran on the line until 17 years after it was first proposed, there was no fanfare when it initially opened.

DIEHARD Harry Potter fans in Wolverhampton were preparing to queue at midnight in the rush to read about the boy wizard's latest adventures. Store bosses at Asda in Molineux Way announced they would be selling Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix at the unusual time of one minute past midnight.

WORLD champion athlete Colin Jackson put Wolverhampton schoolchildren through their paces after being quizzed by them about his glittering career. The Welsh sprinter visited St Edmund's Catholic School in Compton Park to encourage children to participate in sport.

## SPRING SALE

up to  
**save 25%**  
on selected products

**Huge Range of Quality  
Concrete / Metal / Wooden  
Storage Sheds - Workshops  
Single & Double Garages  
Log Cabins - Garden Rooms**

✓ Free Quotations ✓ Old Buildings Removed inc Asbestos ✓ Base Laying Service ✓ Free Delivery & Fitting

### Wooden Sheds



6ft x 4ft £195  
8ft x 6ft £285  
10ft x 8ft £470

### Concrete Garages

Roof replacement also available inc Asbestos



Single 16ft x 8ft £1544  
Double 16ft x 16ft £3002

### Summer Houses



7ft x 5ft £495  
8ft x 6ft £550  
8ft x 8ft £640

Show Site (open 7 days): Tildasley Street,  
West Bromwich B70 9SJ (Next to Staples)

Visit our website:  
www.bettabuildings.co.uk

Call us now:  
0121 553 4682

We make it **BETTA**  
BUILDINGS



## LETTERS

# Council demolishing our assets

DUDLEY council have done it yet again. They are trying to demolish another of the assets the town has to offer, along with the leisure centres, libraries and toilets the Hippodrome has been marked for destruction, against the wishes of the public for whom the council are supposed to work.

The previous councillors who had worked so hard to improve our borough facilities must be turning in their graves at the desecration going on around us.

The Dudley Zoo and the Black Country Museum are a disappointment. The heads of these attractions

who recommend the destruction, are so short-sighted they do not realise we only visit their attractions once in a blue moon, but the Hippodrome could bring up to 1,700 visitors a day into the town, plus any daytime activities that would be arranged.

We would therefore make extra visits to the Zoo and BCLM while in Dudley.

Perhaps we would have visitors from Birmingham and London instead of the other way round. There are a lot of us unable to make extended visits to the above, but would be able to use a local facility like the Hippodrome. I cannot express my disappointment enough

with the council's treatment of the voting public, at the use of the ground for a very expensive car park or another steel framed shed, when we have a magnificent theatre that would draw the crowds for a lot less money, and would be self sufficient after a very short time. Whoever the consultants are they must led by a very blinkered view of the assets that are available - or is it again run by accountants who cannot appreciate what a benefit the reopening of the Hippodrome would be.

C J PAYNE  
Kingswinford

## Memories evoked by old picture of my friend

I WAS very interested to see the Picture from the past on May 14.

The person in the picture was an old friend of mine who died many years ago. He was a professional entertainer and compere at both the Dudley Hippodrome and the Langley Regent Theatre, Oldbury.

Also the La Reserve, Sutton Coldfield. He was a member of the famous Water Rats in London who used to meet at the Odd Fellows Club and held the position of Scribe Rat responsible for all the advertising and publicity.

He was also a anaging director of an engineering company in Halesowen, which has now gone. He lived off the Broadway in Dudley and had two sons. The picture brought back a lot of very happy memories of him and the times we had together.

WE WINCOTT  
Worcs

## LETTERS to the Editor

### POST

Halesowen Chronicle,  
Chronicle Editorial, 51-53  
Queen Street, Wolverhampton  
WV1 1ES

Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

### E-MAIL

Dudley.chrons@  
expressandstar.co.uk

## Ridiculous notion of Sir David Beckham

AFTER however many years it is (and who cares anyway?) of kicking a bag of wind about and being paid obscene amounts of money for doing so, David Beckham is retiring and the daunting prospect of him being given a knighthood is being mooted.

To me, and I'm sure to many other people, the idea that an overrated and grossly overpaid sportsman has been given a knighthood is deeply offensive, especially when the idea was being mooted in the same newspapers which, on other pages were paying deserved tribute to real heroes, the men of RAF617 Dambusters Squadron, three of whom are still alive and none of who is likely to be knighted.

The awarding of knighthoods and other honours to sports people and other so-called celebrities has been happening for decades under all governments and Prime Ministers.

The thought of David Beckham receiving a knighthood is bad enough, but let's also think of what else will go with it. If and when he becomes Sir David, his stick insect wife will become Lady Beckham. The mind, as they say, boggles,

R A SARGEANT  
Dudley

## Council is wasting cash from taxpayers

DUDLEY Council is once again planning to do what it do best, waste and squander taxpayers money.

The new market they propose will be out of character and the demolition of the only public toilets in town.

They have no forethought or vision for the Hippodrome, I doubt if those who are ready to destroy this great theatre have ever been through the doors to witness the great stars and wonderful entertainment.

They seem to be ready to sacrifice another piece of Dudley for a temporary car park, once these buildings have gone they are gone forever.

The car park in Stone Street was replaced with a useless square, another fiasco, costing the people of Dudley an obscene amount of money.

It is so easy to spend other people's money.  
J FOWNES  
Dudley

## Starkey Electrical Ltd

Manor House, Manor Lane, Halesowen Domestic,  
Commercial & Industrial Electricians

Office: 0844 561 7244 0121 602 8088 (24 Hour Call Outs) / 07967 650567

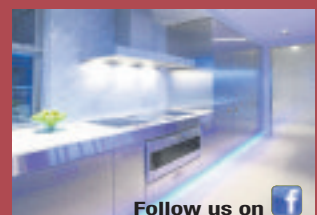
email: stuart@starkeyelectrical.co.uk www.starkeyelectrical.co.uk



Starkey Electrical are committed to reducing our carbon footprint and will source the most energy efficient lighting solution available at competitive prices.



- For all your electrical needs in your home, garden, driveway or office/ retail premises
- Emergency call outs - 7- days a week
- Experienced electricians NICEIC regulated
- Competitive prices/ FREE quotations
- Energy saving LED Lighting
- Fuse board replacements
- Rewiring
- Landlord Certification
- General electrical maintenance



Follow us on



Starkey Electrical have just joined the Renewable Energy Consumer Code(RECC). We are now able to offer the following additional services: AIR & GROUND SOURCE HEATING, SOLAR PV & SOLAR HERMAL HEATING.

**Starkey Electrical Ltd - Your local, energy efficient electrician**

# Replace Your Tired Kitchen, Bathroom or Bedroom With A Makeover...

*From the Bespoke Specialists*  
**Replace Only What Is Needed**

**NO SALESMEN!**

Did you know that, 80% of our customers are retired? Find out why they trust us for yourselves...

**40% OFF**  
Doors and Drawers  
Before 30th June

**PLUS 10% OFF**

All New Kitchens, Bedrooms, Bathrooms  
Book your no obligation Quote Today!!  
0121 550 4821 or 07726 104200  
Offers cannot be combined

Laminate flooring in tile form - very classy  
Wet Wall Panelling for bathrooms, no more grouting

Budget range of flat-pack kitchens, super 18mm, for better value and quality than any of the major retailers inclusive of soft close doors, and drawers

**OVER 100 DOOR STYLES, AVAILABLE IN ANY COLOUR YOU CAN NAME**

**OVER 200 WORKTOP FINISHES**  
**ALL CABINETS AND WARDROBES 18MM PRE-BUILT**

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED



Appliances: Neff, Bosch, Rangemaster, Belling, Baumatic, Hotpoint, Stoves and many more

**Franke Sinks 50 Year Guarantee**  
**What our customers say!**

"...it looks like a palace..."  
"...definitely recommend 'Quality Kitchens' to our friends and family..."  
"...totally professional from beginning to end..."

**No False Promises! No Pressure!**

## Homeowners...

### Looking to sell?

Enhance the prospects of selling your property - stunning results for a minimum outlay

### Just moved in?

Let us help to transform your property into a dream home

### Decided to stay?

Fall in love again with your home - Revamp your kitchen, bedroom or bathroom and allow us to show your home's true potential  
**Bring us your dream pictures and we will bring them to life**

We are licensed credit brokers (No. 612945)

**CUSTOMER SATISFACTION GUARANTEED**  
**www.qkm.org.uk WE WILL NOT LET YOU DOWN!!**

## NEW SHOWROOM NOW OPEN

149 Cinder Bank, Netherton, Dudley, DY2 9BL

Open Mon-Sat 9.00 am-5.30 pm, Thursday 9.00 am-7.00 pm

**Tel: 0121 550 4821**

**Mobile: 07726 104200**

Oak Lodge Building, Furnace Hill, Halesowen, B63 3LZ

Open Mon-Fri 9.30 am-5.00 pm, Sat 10.00 am-2.00 pm

## At QKM

We are dedicated to offering our customers the finest service within the home improvement market

## THE GUILD OF MASTER CRAFTSMEN

Membership No A120074

'We have customers who would be more than happy to show you the excellent standard of work'





# Did You Sleep Alright Last Night?

If not, buying a New Bed from

## Dreamland

Will be the BEST thing you have done for a good nights sleep.

### 3 FLOORS

**OF FAMOUS NAMES**  
**GUARANTEED BEST PRICES**  
**AND OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE!**

**Hundreds of Metal and Wooden Bed Frames**  
Singles from £59  
Doubles from £99 (mattress extra)

**Pocket Spring 4 Drawer Divan Sets**  
From £399 (headboard extra)

**Double Size Ottoman Bed - Black or Brown Faux Leather**  
Was £249  
Now £229  
King Size Just £259 (mattress extra)

**Large Selection of Faux Leather Bedsteads and Ottomans**  
From £95 to £499 (mattress extra)

**SLEIGH BEDS**  
Doubles £349  
King Size £389 (mattress extra)

**Adjustable single Size Beds**  
From just £549 to £1,200 (headboard extra)

**Latest Range of SILENTNIGHT Beds**  
Singles from £259  
Doubles from £459  
King Size from £529 (headboard extra)

**Tremendous range of mattresses IN STOCK!**

**Large Range of Childrens Beds**  
The LEO SLEEPER £299 (mattress extra)



TO TAKE AWAY

**Supporters of**  
**Mary Stevens Hospice**

OPEN Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm

Sat 9am-5.30pm Sun 11am-4.30pm

EVERYTHING RIGHT FROM ADVICE TO PRICE

**Dreamland Superstore**

23 Mill Street, Brierley Hill. 01384 74166

**LARGE FREE CAR PARK**  
**AT REAR OF STORE**  
Little Cottage Street,  
DY5 1RG



## NEWS

# N-ice to see you again as family treated by city

IT WAS a case of ice to see you again as Roger, Wendy, Stephen and Joyce Bannister are back in Rome courtesy of the mayor.

They were given the free return trip after they were ripped by paying 64 euros (£54) for four ice cream cones two weeks ago.

Mayor Giannia Alemanno, who is treating Roger, his brother Stephen and their wives to an all-expenses paid trip, wanted to apologise to them for the extortionate price they were charged by a vendor close to the Spanish Steps.

The two couples, from Wordsley, arrived in Rome last week to be met by police and the city council's special delegate for tourism, Antonio Gazzallone, who escorted them through customs controls to begin their four-day stay at the swish Jumeirah Hotel. "We didn't even have to show our



From left, Wendy, Joyce, Stephen and Roger Bannister with ice creams by the Trevi Fountain at a fraction of the cost of the £54 they paid for four cones a couple of weeks ago

passports," said 58-year-old Roger, of Cot Lane, Wordsley, who is chief executive officer of Pressvess Ltd in Kingswinford. "We had a brilliant day, with lunch and a tour guide all afternoon

showing us the secrets of Rome." Roger and Wendy, and Stephen and Joyce, who live in Sandringham Road, met the mayor, with the promise of a free ice cream. But, on the first day of their

visit, they enjoyed four cones full of Italian ice cream in the warm sunshine near the Trevi Fountain - at a more reasonable price of 2.5 euros (£2.14) each, paid for by travel writer Simon Calder.

# Cut glass thank you to the mayor



Roger Bannister, right, and glass artist Kevin Barry

CHAMPAGNE flutes made in Dudley are being flown out as a gift for the Mayor of Rome.

The Bannister family, from Wordsley, commissioned the cut-glass as a 'thank you' to the Italian dignitary for inviting them back to the city as his guest.

nois is treating Roger and Wendy, his brother Stephen and sister-in-law Joyce, to an, all-expenses-paid trip.

And, as a 'thank you' to the Mayor for his generosity, Roger, chief executive officer of Pressvess Ltd, Stallings Lane, Kingswinford, ordered some Stourbridge cut glass to be specially made. Roger

collected two sets each of six champagne glasses and six 'Pressvess' coasters, cut by artist Kevin Barry-Adams, who runs Kevin Barry Crystal at Stourbridge's Ruskin Centre. One set is for the Mayor and the other for Antonio Gazzallone, Rome Town Council's special delegate for tourism.

THE

# STD

MASSIVE

## STOCK CLEARANCE

100's of rolls in stock all reduced

	NORMAL PRICE	NOW
Axminster 80/20 .....	£39.95	£16.95 sq yd
Wiltons .....	£18.95	£9.95 sq yd
80/20 Twist Piles 42oz .....	£14.95	£9.95 sq yd
Majestic Saxony Stainfree .....	£13.95	£9.95 sq yd
Stainfree Tweed .....	£14.95	£9.95 sq yd
Vinyls .....	£10.95	£7.95 sq yd
Care free felt back .....	£5.95	£3.95 sq yd

**FACTORY CLEARANCE OF OVER 200 PART ROLLS**  
**WITH SAVINGS OF UP TO 75%**

STD are the largest stockists of carpets in the Midlands with the best selection, the best fitters, and are NEVER undercut on price

Open 6 days a week 9.00 to 5.30  
Sunday 10.30 to 4.00,  
Closed Wednesdays

**Church Street, Brierley Hill**

**01384 76448**

BRIERLEY HILL

STD

STOURBRIDGE

WOLVERHAMPTON

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

# Midland UPVC



## SAVE POUNDS ON YOUR FUEL BILLS WITH OUR ENERGY RATED WINDOWS



### JUNE SALE 6 FLAT WINDOWS ANY SIZE

## £1450

fitted

Terms & Conditions apply

### Buy Direct from your local manufacturer

A FAMILY RUN BUSINESS

Visit our website:

[www.midlandupvc.co.uk](http://www.midlandupvc.co.uk)

**No hidden extras very competitive price**

- Free Design service
- 10 yr Insurance back guarantee
- Secured by design Quality Products
- Energy saving Windows & Doors
- All built and installed by our own fitters

### Fantastic new Composite Door Range

As seen on the BBC DIY SOS



**SPECIAL OFFER**  
PVC Door  
From  
**£375**  
Fitted



Also Special Offers on Conservatories

synergy

e

WOLF

WOLF

WOLF

WOLF

ALL AREAS COVERED **01384 234170**  
After 5pm **01384 429152**

[sales@midlandupvc.co.uk](mailto:sales@midlandupvc.co.uk)  
OFFICE HOURS Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm



# Gymophobics<sup>TM</sup>

## THE 30 MINUTE WORKOUT

# HATE GYMS? LOVE GYMOPHOBICS



**JOIN IN JUNE  
AND RECEIVE  
1 MONTH FREE\***  
(Terms and conditions apply)

**NOW AVAILABLE FOR A  
LIMITED PERIOD ONLY  
3 Month Membership  
No Contract**

**LADIES  
ONLY!**  
**INCH LOSS &  
WEIGHT LOSS**

**SUITABLE FOR ALL  
AGES AND ALL  
FITNESS LEVELS!**

Our Members range from age 14-80+

**Gymophobics can  
help you achieve  
the body you have  
always wanted**

**CHANGING SHAPE  
CHANGING LIVES...**

Many women find gyms and health clubs intimidating, that is why Gymophobics has a totally new approach to figure shaping and weight loss and won't give you a phobia.

You will love this unique Ladies Only 30 minute workout which uses air driven equipment that is specially designed to make figure improvement fun and easier than you ever thought possible.

Don't worry what age you are, or how unfit you are or out of shape you are, as each programme is tailored to suit your age and needs.

But most of all you will love the results, inch loss, weight loss, feeling great, whatever your body needs you will see the results in weeks rather than months.

**Lisa E**  
She has lost  
4 stone 2lb and  
43 3/4 inches in  
19 weeks

**Fantastic  
results achieved  
at Halesowen since  
opening in February!**

THESE RESULTS IN JUST 10 WEEKS...

**Janet** lost 11 3/4 inches

**Liz** lost 8 1/4 inches

**Lynda** lost 8 1/4 inches and 3.5kg

**Justyna**  
lost 21 1/4 inches & 10.9kg

**Laurie** lost 9 inches  
& 1.4kg



**51 High Street, Halesowen B63 3BG**  
**Tel: 0121 448 1743**  
**www.gymophobics.co.uk**

**Call Now for  
FREE GUEST  
VISIT 0121  
448 1743**



## MEMORY LANE



James Baker &amp; Sons Boot Manufacturers in Cleveland Road, Wolverhampton



The founder of the boot factory, James Baker, in 1850



Women at work producing boots and shoes at Baker's Boot factory during its heyday

# Booted and suited trainers help to put the soul back into old factory



The former Baker's Boot factory in Wolverhampton

A DESCENDANT of a Wolverhampton boot and shoe-making dynasty has been reunited with pictures of his family after they were discovered during the renovation of a former factory.

John Baker, whose great-great grandfather James founded Baker's Boots in 1850, was the guest of honour at a launch event that has seen the former factory in All Saints, turned into an engineering training centre.

Mr Baker, aged 86, who lives near Claverley, was returning to the factory in Cleveland Road for the first time in more than 40 years.

The former shoe boss was there for the opening of Engineering Real Results (ERR), which trains and educates students in construction in the heart of the Grade II listed building.

The pictures of the Baker family are now being hung in the boardroom of the ERR centre and will eventually

by Adam Thompson

include a portrait of John Baker. He said: "I haven't been to this factory for such a long time but there are features that are the same."

"The factory floor is a lot more open now but the sky lights and the brick and iron rafters haven't changed."

"It's good to see the factory being used for modern engineering purposes but at the same time not losing sight of its past."

## History

"It lay derelict for some time, which was always sad, but I'm delighted to see it up and running like today. It's important its history isn't forgotten."

The ceremony was attended by Mayor of Wolverhampton Christine Mills who spoke of the history of the factory, which used to provide boots for soldiers during the Second World War.

ERR managing director Phil Prosser, of Oldbury, unearthed the pic-

tures. "When I moved to the boot factory it was a shell and while sorting through its abandoned rooms, inside a dusty old cupboard I found a series of black and white framed Victorian photographs," he said.

"It turned out they used to hang in the boardroom, which I was in the process of renovating."

"I have a lot of good memories of the boot factory from my childhood because every year me and my family would go to Cleveland Road to buy my dad new work boots and pair of best shoes."

"I remember it with great fondness."

"When I found the photographs I thought it was only right to restore them to their rightful place on the walls - then we realised there was one owner missing."

"Somebody mentioned John Baker was still living in the Midlands, so I began a search to find him and reunite him with his family."

"I'm glad it was successful."



John Baker admires a restored stained glass window

Do you need your patio and block paving professionally Jet Washed???

If so call BTF Cleaning Services Today for a FREE no obligation quote on

07979 211302  
01384 568 345



- Professional deep clean of Block Paving, Driveways, Patios or Decking
- Re-sanding & sealing of patio and block paving
- UPVC cleaning; Fascias, soffits & guttering
- Window & conservatory cleaning



2B Narrow Lane,  
Halesowen B62 9ND

**BTF**  
CLEANING SERVICES LIMITED

DISCOVER  
**Beechcroft**  
Nurseries & Garden Centre

Probably the widest range of plants in the Midlands

**FREE  
BEDDING  
PLANTS!**



Come and visit us and bring along this voucher to get a FREE Six Pack of Bedding Plants, when you make any other purchase!

Please fill in your post code to validate

Valid until Monday 10th June 2013

latest or while promotional stocks last - 1 x 6 pack of Bedding Plants, excluding Bedding Begonias or Geraniums, per voucher. One voucher per customer per visit only.



**GARDEN SHOP - 7 DAYS A WEEK**

Seeds • Tools • Compost • Pots • Birds Tables • Bird Food

Madeley Road, Madeley Heath,  
Nr Belbroughton DY9 9XA

www.beechcroft.com

01562 710358





## NEWS

## Aim to reopen line



Keith Flinders, researcher for the Stourbridge rail group

RAIL campaigners say they are confident a project to reopen a railway line through Dudley can be kick-started by the end of this decade – more than 50 years after the route was closed.

Members of Stourbridge Line User Group have long campaigned for the opening of the Stourbridge to Walsall line.

They claim the region's road network is no longer adequate and a railway line linking the two towns, along with Dudley and Brierley Hill, would solve traffic congestion and benefit business.

This week, the group said it believed part of the line, from Wednesbury to Brierley Hill, could be used again for commuters by 2020 as part of Centro's planned extension of the Metro network.

The transport firm has recently reaffirmed its intention to expand the line and said it was actively exploring options to fund the project. Three years ago, a 62-space car park was built for a Metro stop at Dudley Port station alongside the rusting track, which was closed in 1962.

Keith Flinders, researcher for Stourbridge Line User Group, said: "I believe the expansion of the Metro will be the first staged reopening of the Stourbridge to Walsall line."

"To open this part of the track will kick-start the whole project, eventually seeing it opened from Stourbridge to Walsall and used by both freight and passenger trains."

# Fire service will recruit another 50 firefighters

FIFTY new firefighters will be taken on by West Midlands Fire Service, say bosses.

The online recruitment process is starting next month, and the service is gearing up to receive thousands of applications for the posts. The fire service has faced government funding cuts of £21 million, and the number of front line firefighters has fallen dramatically as a result.

It will have reduced from 1,600 in 2011 to 1,236 by the end of 2015, and the new recruits are needed to make sure the service is run effectively, bosses say. The successful applicants will undertake a two-month training course and will start in their posts this year.

They will have a joining salary of £21,369 rising to £22,258 during development and rising to £28,481 when competent.

Sandwell councillor John Edwards, who is chairman of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority, said: "We need to recruit in order to keep fire engines on the run and fire stations open."

"Earlier this year we asked council tax payers in the West Midlands for an extra £5 a year for their fire and rescue service, and promised it would be spent on our front line. This is exactly what we are doing."

by Victoria Nash

David Johnson, director of human resources for West Midlands Fire Service, said: "We get inquiries every day from people who want to join the brigade, and we're expecting large numbers of applicants for these highly skilled, professional roles."

Applicants need to be at least 17 and a half years old at the time of their application, with a GCSE Grade C or equivalent in English and maths.

The online application process will start next month and be available for at least two weeks.

As well as registering their personal details and qualifications, applicants will be asked to answer a series of questions to assess their eligibility and suitability, and their ability to understand information, work with numbers and solve problems.

## Hagley Kitchens

Beautiful Kitchens & Bathrooms, Designed with Imagination and Skillfully Fitted with Care

FREE  
Built in  
Dishwasher

Our cabinets are made locally at our state of the art facility here in the Black Country

Guaranteed unbeatable on price

37 Years  
of Happy  
Customers

"Outstanding kitchen, thoughtfully designed, excellent service"

Mrs Anderson, Hayley Green

"They gave us our perfect kitchen, a great local company." Sandra Donnelly, Kingswinford

"A major project completed on time without any problems" Gill McKenzie, Codsall

"We must have changed our minds a dozen times, they happily made the changes - and without any extra costs" Jeni & Tony Kingston, Tettenhall

"Our beautiful, top of the range ovens, were supplied at better than internet prices, delivered, installed and fully guaranteed" Mrs & Mr Griffiths, Halesowen

Visit our website to see some of our range [www.HagleyKitchens.co.uk](http://www.HagleyKitchens.co.uk)

INSTALLATION • TILING • GAS • ELECTRIC • PLUMBING • BUILDING

Call us now for your  
FREE, no obligation  
survey and design

07776 207596  
OR: 0121 602 3031

# Hasbury Windows Ltd

For a cracking deal this Spring, it has to be HASBURY

JUNE SPECIAL OFFER - SAVING YOU £'S

BUY 6 WINDOWS  
AND 2 DOORS  
AND GET ONE OF  
THE DOORS FREE  
OF CHARGE

To Qualify you must book by the end of June, call today for details.

Excellent service  
from start to finish.  
Reliable and  
friendly.

MR G UPTON  
HALESOWEN

Lovely job, fitters  
made no mess!  
Would definitely  
recommend again.

MR & MRS LEWIS  
LOWER GORNAL

Very pleased with  
the new windows.  
Fitters were very tidy,  
everything left clean.

L A KERRY  
HALESOWEN



Sealed Units Replacement Available From £10

'We will beat any genuine written quote'

- \* Your local well established business offering top quality products and service
- \* No payment until completion
- \* Call us now for a great deal on your new windows, doors and conservatories
- \* Visit our showroom \* Deal direct with the owner
- \* If you want quality, value and service it 'has to be Hasbury'!

9 Halesowen Road, Halesowen, West Midlands B62 9AA  
0121 421 7001 / 0121 421 2104 / 01384 78796

(opposite the Stag & Three Horseshoes)  
SHOWROOM OPEN:  
Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm • Sat 10 am-2 pm  
Phonelines open 9 am-9 pm

FENSA  
Registered 30179



# StormSeal

UK LIMITED Est. 1988  
Roofing • Windows • Doors • Porches • Fascias • Conservatories

26 YEARS IN BUSINESS

**FREE GLASS ROOF UPGRADE!**

for ANY Conservatory over 15 sq.metres

Highest quality energy efficient products from the Midlands **No1** Conservatories/Windows Installer The brand you can trust

**BUY NOW, PAY LATER OR  
0% INTEREST FREE CREDIT\***

We will beat any genuine like for like quote from any established reputable company (10 years plus)\*

**EDWARDIAN/  
VICTORIAN  
CONSERVATORIES**

Fully Fitted Incl. Base  
From only...  
**£3999**

No job too big or small  
- from Windows to  
Orangeries

Is your roof leaking or need replacing?

• Life expectancy up to 50 years • 20 year guarantee

**Birmingham 0121 568 7388**

Stratford Upon Avon 01789 270 726  
Cannock 01543 401 101  
Leamington Spa 01926 702 303  
Wolverhampton 01902 489 498  
Telford 01952 427 667  
Stafford 01785 318 699

Rugby 01788 211 019  
Coventry 012476 960 880  
Kidderminster 01562 539 341  
Sandwell & Dudley 01384 847 123  
Walsall 01922 430908

**Freephone 0500 77 75 75**

**Buy with confidence from a  
well established company  
registered with company  
house for other 26 years.**

"The way you and your company dealt  
with me from start to finish, more than  
beyond doubt met my requirements  
and given me total satisfaction"  
Mr Hemmings, Coventry



**FENSA**  
Registered Company  
24875

**GIFT VOUCHER**

In Conjunction with Conservatory Order - One item per customer

Electricity including Fan Lig Air Cooler/Heater Laminate Flooring

For a Free Quotation call Freephone no: 0500 77 75 75 Lines open 24 hours a day

Pinfield Street, Darlaston/Wednesbury WS10 8ST Regional Depot: 0121 568 7388 Fax: 0121 568 8818

Email: sales@stormseal.co.uk Website: stormseal.co.uk

Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer. Voucher must be handed to representative on first visit.

**wow! Great value  
coach holidays**

Coaches depart from your local West Midlands pick up point

**wow! PONTINS Brean Sands**  
3/4 nights half board  
Kids half price! 2-13 yrs  
4 days **£79.95** 5 days **£119.95**  
Fri 21, 28 Jun 12, 19, 26 Jul Mon 10, 17, 24 Jun 1, 8 Jul

**Folkestone plus day trip to Ostend**  
Southcliff / Burstin Hotel  
4 DAYS Fri 21, 28 Jun, 12, 19 Jul 4/5 days **£119.95**  
5 DAYS Mon 10, 17, 24 Jun, 1, 8, 15 Jul

**Bath & Dean Forest Steam**  
Sat 8 Jun, 27 Jul, 24 Aug 21 Sep, 26 Oct 2 days **£69.95**  
Overnight half board

**Warner Bros Studio Tour**  
The Making of Harry Potter  
Sat 29 Jun, 3, 31 Aug 21 Sep 2 days **£99.95**  
Overnight half board

**Seaside Specials!**  
• Blackpool • Bournemouth • Eastbourne  
• Folkestone • Isle of Wight • Llandudno  
• Newquay • Scarborough  
• Torquay • Weston super Mare  
Departs all year - call for brochure 4/5/7 days **£99.95**

**wow! Blackpool**  
2/4 nights half board  
Melville / Norbreck / Hacketts Hotel  
3 days **£79.95** 5 days **£149.95**  
Fri 19 Jun, 20 Sep 18 Oct Mon 10, 24 Jun 15, 22, 29 Jul

**Travelstyle**  
miles more smiles  
Call for brochure **0844 682 0065**  
www.travelstyletours.co.uk

**Have You  
Been  
Injured  
in an  
Accident?**

**NOT  
your fault?**

Your claim  
will be handled  
by friendly  
specialist  
solicitors who  
are local to you.

**NO WIN  
NO FEE**

**Middleton Dummer  
SOLICITORS**

**FREE HOME VISITS  
0121 544 4788**

Please contact:  
**Rob, Adam or Angela** at  
High Tree's House, 1-9 Pool Lane, Oldbury, Warley, West Midlands B69 4QX

**A-Zee Fix**

DOUBLE GLAZING INSTALLATIONS & REPAIRS

Telephone: 01384 259761 Mobile: 07769 975841

Repairs and Upgrades  
Insurance Work  
Failed Units  
Broken Locks  
Door Panels  
Letter Boxes  
Sticking Doors  
Handles and Mechanisms

70mm Internally Glazed High Security Frames  
28mm Pilkington 'K' Units  
Document L Compliant  
Shoot Bolt Locking  
Sight Line Glazing  
Secured By Design PAS023 / PAS024

White  
Light Oak  
Rosewood  
Woodgrain on White

ALL WORK GUARANTEED  
PHONE TODAY FOR A FREE QUOTATION

**FENSA**  
Registered No. 23324

## NEWS

# Emergency patient care 'under serious pressure'

DOCTORS across the West Midlands have written to Whitehall health officials warning that they can no longer guarantee the safe care of patients in A&E due to the pressures on their departments.

In a leaked letter, 20 leaders of emergency departments in the region have written to senior NHS managers and highlighted a combination of 'toxic overcrowding' and 'institutional exhaustion' is putting lives at risk.

The document reveals the number of patients arriving at A&E for treatment has created a 'state of crisis' in casualty departments in the West Midlands, which has a population of 5.3 million.

The letter obtained by The Independent newspaper, was sent to NHS trust chief executives and clinical commissioning managers, with medical chiefs calling upon the Government to take immediate action to fix an 'emergency system failing to cope'.

It warns: 'What is entirely unacceptable is the delivery of unsafe care, but that is now the prospect we find ourselves facing on too frequent a basis'.

The medics highlighted growing concerns that the West Midlands, which deals with more than 1.5m patient attendances a year, is being overwhelmed by 'unprecedented and relentless pressures'.

New Cross Hospital is handling 40,000 more patients than it was designed to cope with.

## Student bands in show

A HOST of local bands will perform at a concert organised by music technology students from City of Wolverhampton College students next month. The 'Live, Loud and Local' event on June 6 will held at the Slade Rooms in Broad Street. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £4, or £3, and are available from Midland Box Office, the college's music technology department on the Paget Road campus, or on 01902 317736.

## Snapping up local tales



Senior keeper Laura Robbins with Magnum photographer Martin Parr

A PHOTOGRAPHER has been getting to know the animals of Dudley Zoo for an arts project.

Martin Parr, aged 60, is working on a community project celebrating the spirit of the Black Country.

Black Country Stories is a programme using photographers, filmmakers and authors to work with local people and tell their stories of everyday life in the region.

Mr Parr was commissioned by arts company Multistory in West Bromwich to work on the project in 2010.

Mr Parr said: "When Multistory contacted me to ask if I might be interested in doing this photographic commission I couldn't say 'yes' fast enough."

Between then and now, he has

captured life in Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton but has now moved on to Dudley.

Mr Parr said: "I liked the zoo, with the team of very enthusiastic and dedicated keepers, their affection is very clear and makes a good contribution to our Black Country stories project."

Mr Parr, a member of the prestigious Magnum Photos group, spent time on site this week shadowing senior keeper Laura Robbins.

She and the zoo's head of media and communications, Jill Hitchman, and chief executive Peter Suddock, are contributing to Black Country Stories' oral history.

Together they are recording stories and zoo-related tales for the project.

**FACTORY PRICES NOT  
SHOWROOM PRICES!  
ALL WITH CERTASS REGISTRATION  
& 10 YEAR GUARANTEE**

3 WINDOWS FITTED **from £775**  
5 WINDOWS + UPVC DOOR FITTED **£1695**  
5 + WINDOWS + COMPOSITE DOOR FITTED **£1930**

**Save energy fit now reduce your heating bills**

**Orangeries - Conservatories**

3 x 3 ORANGERIES  
from £7,200

Other size Conservatory/  
Orangeries available

**THE FULL MONTY**  
 **£5999**  
Limited Period

Composite  
3 x 3 Conservatory + Door  
Porcelain tiles + Electrics

## DOORS

**FRENCH DOORS - PATIO DOORS**

**£750** **£820**

**Composite Doors**

**from £620 fitted**  
**UPVC Back Doors**  
**from £375 fitted**  
**UPVC Front Doors**  
**from £450 fitted**

**dudley**

DOORS, WINDOWS & CONSERVATORIES

www.dudleydoorsandconservatories.co.uk

Come and visit our factory for quality and factory outlet prices

**DON'T DELAY CALL TODAY**

Call: 01384 292484 Mobile: 0777 2131678

Call for a FREE Home Visit or Visit Our Stallings Lane Factory (next door to Cane & Patio)



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

# IT'S ON NOW & ALL WEEKEND!! MASSIVE FURNITURE SELL OFF!

# WILLIAM & SONS' MULTI £MILLION FURNITURE

# CLEARANCE

# EVERYTHING MUST GO THIS WEEKEND! DON'T MISS IT!

Alstons

BUOYANT  
FURNITURE LIMITEDWADE  
UPHOLSTERY

MYER'S

nolte  
MOBEL

steed



italsofa

Harrison  
TAILOR MADE BEDS SINCE 1880

**CLEARANCE**  
**£999**

**NATUZZI EDITIONS**  
Umberto 005 Sofa & 003 chair  
in Cat 15 real Italian Leather  
LESS THAN HALF PRICE TO CLEAR!  
Was £2459 Save £1460

**CLEARANCE**  
**£1799**

**WADE HUNTINGDON**  
Large sofa, small sofa & Ladies chair  
60% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £4519 Save £2720

**CLEARANCE**  
**£199**

**BOUYANT LARGO CHAIR**  
Charcoal grey corduroy fabric  
OVER 60% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £499 Save £300

**CLEARANCE**  
**£299**

**ESSENTIALS MELROSE**  
Small sofa in dark brown Eco-leather  
OVER 66% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £899 Save £600

**CLEARANCE**  
**£499**

**MARK WEBSTER REGGIO**  
Reggio contemporary chair  
OVER 77% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £519 Save £400

**CLEARANCE**  
**£1249**

**LPK FALMOUTH**  
Large sofa, small sofa &  
recliner chair in floral beige fabric  
OVER 55% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £2749 Save £1500

**CLEARANCE**  
**£1269**

**STEED TOWCESTER**  
Sofa plus easy chair  
OVER 68% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £4069 Save £2800

**CLEARANCE**  
**£1799**

**HTL PANAMA**  
Contemporary styled large & small  
cream leather sofas plus accent chair  
60% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £4559 Save £2760

**CLEARANCE**  
**£1399**

**ASHWOOD CALGARY**  
Large double motion sofa, small sofa  
plus powered recliner chair  
OVER 55% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £3099 Save £1700

**CLEARANCE**  
**£599**

**ROM FUSION**  
Medium contemporary sofa  
67% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £1827 Save £1228

**CLEARANCE**  
**£599**

**SITBEST BY ELANO**  
Jakla L manual recliner chair  
57% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £1399 Save £800

## MASSIVE SHOWROOM & WAREHOUSE RE-ORGANISATION AFTER OUR YEAR END DEADLINE!

**"We need to clear ALL surplus stocks & displays!"**

This weekend, following our year end stock-taking, we urgently need to clear all our remaining surplus stocks to make way for our new Summer & Autumn ranges which are starting to arrive daily! We'll be offering massive reductions on all ex-display & discontinued lines as we reduce all our stock levels!

**"Prices slashed on quality brand names!!"**

This fantastic clearance event gives you the opportunity to buy some top quality branded furniture from the likes of Steed, Wade, Natuzzi, Morris, Alstons, Silentnight, Slumberland, Mark Webster & many others at a fraction of the normal price, with some items even being sold at less than cost price!

**MASSIVE DISCOUNTS ON ALL MADE TO ORDER ITEMS!**

We'll also be passing on all of our supplier incentives directly to customers! This allows us to offer some incredible bargains on all types of made to order furniture as well! Everything will be marked down with massive reductions on all lounge, dining, bedroom & bedding furniture – even accessories!

**WE PROMISE YOU WILL NOT BUY CHEAPER ELSEWHERE!**

"If you're thinking of buying any item of furniture or home accessories this weekend, don't miss this incredible opportunity to buy at these amazing prices. There are many one-off bargains, large stocks for immediate delivery plus even specially negotiated extra discounts on all special orders!"

William Cole – Managing Director



**WILLIAM & SONS**  
www.williamandsons.co.uk

LEVEL STREET MERRY HILL BRIERLEY HILL WEST MIDLANDS DY5 1UA T. 01384 77444

**MARK WEBSTER**  
Colonial style hi-fi cabinet  
OVER 75% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £399 Save £300

**CLEARANCE**  
**£99**

**BAKER BEDFORD**  
Military style desk  
OVER 55% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £1099 Save £650

**CLEARANCE**  
**£449**

**CAXTON DOMINION**  
9 ITEM wild oak effect dining group  
dining table, 6 x chairs & 2 x units  
OVER 66% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £3259 Save £2160

**CLEARANCE**  
**£1099**

**EXCLUSIVE MARBLE**  
Milano marble coffee table  
OVER 61% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £519 Save £320

**CLEARANCE**  
**£199**

**ANDRENA CAMBRIDGE**  
9 ITEM oak dining group  
dining table, chairs, sideboard & mirror  
OVER 58% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £4824 Save £2825

**CLEARANCE**  
**£1999**

**CAXTON SEATTLE**  
2 door pear wood effect tall wardrobe  
OVER 77% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £389 Save £300

**CLEARANCE**  
**£89**

**ORLY ACACIA BEDROOM**  
ORL648 Long wide dresser chest  
OVER 75% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £799 Save £600

**CLEARANCE**  
**£199**

**RAUCH AROSA BEDROOM**  
Model 95T9 wall mirror  
LESS THAN HALF PRICE TO CLEAR!  
Was £69 Save £40

**CLEARANCE**  
**£29**

**NOLTE MOBEL**  
Contemporary white double bed frame  
OVER 57% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £699 Save £400

**CLEARANCE**  
**£299**

**SILENTNIGHT ORTHO-DREAM**  
Miracoll King-size mattress  
OVER 60% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £369 Save £220

**CLEARANCE**  
**£149**

**HARRISONS' BED TAILOR**  
Orchid luxury double divan set & headboard  
OVER 55% OFF TO CLEAR!  
Was £2329 Save £1330

**CLEARANCE**  
**£999**

**Merry Hill's Largest Furniture Superstore... Opposite the Copthorne Hotel**

**Clearance Times: Monday to Saturday 10-5.30pm, Sunday 11-5pm**

All offers are subject to availability. E&OE



## INSPIRATIONAL FIRES & FIREPLACES Be Inspired



Phone now for free no obligation home survey

Showroom: 404-406 Bearwood Road, Bearwood B66 4EX Tel: 0121 429 3186



Opening Times: Monday-Saturday 10.00 am-6.00 pm

www.inspirationalfires.co.uk email: inspirationalfires@hotmail.co.uk



### NEWS

# Plan to turn town's old bank into a restaurant

**PIZZA** and pasta could soon be served out of an historic bank in Stourbridge under plans to open an upmarket Mediterranean-style restaurant.

The Old Bank, High Street, has been put on the market by owner Adam Meyers in a bid to attract a new restaurateur to the town. He is also in talks with Dudley Council to amend an approved planning application for the eatery to increase the number of potential number of diners up to 150.

The Old Bank has been empty for six years following the departure of Yorkshire Bank. It dates back to 1834 and was formerly known as the Stourbridge and Kidderminster Bank, before becoming the Midland Bank in 1914.

The building is up for rent from property agent Lex Allan Commercial at £42,500 a year.

A spokesman for Mr Meyers said: "The building has always been referred to as one of the jewels of the town and Mr Meyers is keen to do it justice by bringing in a quality restaurant which will fit the bill."

"He has had the building for a while, but because of the credit crunch, it has proved difficult to attract a restaurant in. Now, with hopefully the increase in capacity, he hopes to finally get a restaurant open in there."

The building overlooks the town's square. It has carved stone facades and distinctive dormer windows. The building also sits opposite the new Tesco development, which is due to open in time for Christmas this year. Plans were submitted in 2007 to convert the old Yorkshire Bank into a trendy eatery, lounge bar and offices.

## Choir concert at church

THE Lauda Chamber Choir will perform at St James's Church, Wollaton, Stourbridge, on June 8. The event has been organised by Local & Live, a group of local music enthusiasts, and will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 on the door, and under-18s can attend free.

## New talon-t for centre



Volunteers Jenni Knott and Frankie Whitehouse with Skip the donkey and Tawny Eagle Didi

A DONKEY and an eagle are the latest additions at an animal centre in South Staffordshire.

The animals were introduced at the Owl and Falconry Centre in time for the school half-term holidays.

Skip, a 14-year-old rescue donkey, will be providing rides over the

holiday. Didi, a six-year-old African Tawny Eagle, was purchased by the centre, at Halfpenny Green Vineyards, recently.

The centre is open every day from 11am to 4pm.

It holds displays of its birds of prey at noon and 3pm.

**Greenstar gas-fired condensing boilers from Worcester.**  
Higher efficiency, lower fuel bills.

**Special offer** on all Worcester Bosch products  
Call for more information

Boiler services **£35** until the end of June.  
**£100 off** installations for OAP'S



**7 year warranty** on all Worcester gas-fired boilers when installed by a Worcester Accredited Installer  
Visit our new showroom



**NOW OPEN!**



**Gastek Solutions**

Unit B15

Anchor Business Park, Dudley DY2 9AF

**Tel: 01384 560 856**

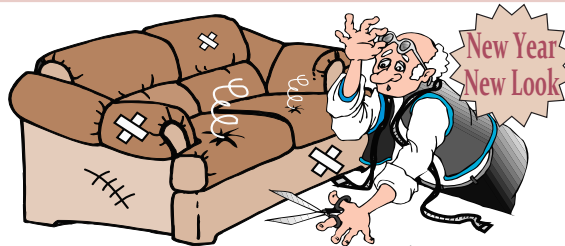
Email: phil.kitson@gasteksolutions.co.uk

**WORCESTER | Bosch Group**

Dedicated to heating comfort

All prices subject to VAT

## Is Your Old Suite Looking a little tired and worn???



## FULL RE-UPHOLSTERY SERVICE

- 35 Years Experience • All Work Guaranteed • 1000's of Fabrics
- Prompt Efficient Service • Discount for OAP's

**Sofa Style**

Chatsworth House, Hayes Lane, Lye, Nr Stourbridge DY9 8RD

**01384 892018**



Open Mon - Friday 10am - 4pm  
Saturday 11am-3pm



## USE YOUR LOFT!

**Bison**  
Loft Ladders

Access your loft safely and easily with Bison loft stairs. The stairs are made and fitted by our Midlands craftsmen using timber from sustainable sources. A gas strut mechanism requiring just fingertip control makes opening and closing your loft stairs exceptionally easy.

**£395**  
Special offer for limited time only starting from  
**£240**  
(incl VAT)  
Quote Ref B2

Safety hand rail  
Unique to Bison

**7,000**  
Over 5,000 installations to date!

- Fully manufactured in the Midlands
- Free Survey
- 'Bison' loft ladders, only available from us
- Full 10 year parts & labour guarantee
- The only product available with a safety handle in the loft
- Patented gas strut operation
- Fitted in approx 2 hours

Flooring and lighting can also be provided, adding a very useful additional room to your home.

VISA MASTERCARD

All major credit cards accepted

**theloftstairscompany**

The Loft Stairs Company, Unit 59, Aitcham Industrial Estate, Shrewsbury SY4 4UG  
Visit our website [www.theloftstairscompany.co.uk](http://www.theloftstairscompany.co.uk)

**Freephone 0800 389 1281**

## Local Specialists



To find out how you can advertise from as little as **£10.50** a week, contact **Ryan Cooper** on **01384 353227**

"We have found that 60% of our business comes from our advert in the Chronicle"  
**LB plastering services**



## CLUB NEWS

# Trip back in time to the 1940s

## It's a piece of cake as guild reaches 50

## K'FORD TG

CHAIRMAN Enid Fennell was able to welcome several members who had missed meetings due illness. She also reported that Margaret Farmer had had her operation and was out of hospital.

Speaker for the evening was John Mobberly, who invited the group to 'Remember the 1940s.' For some, this was not possible as they were not born or very young. For these people it proved to be quite an unusual history lesson.

Gardening for example was a vital necessity to help the war effort by producing food, as was animal husbandry. One member had hand-reared a piglet and delivered pork chops to the local butcher in exchange for packets of tea. Extra clothing coupons were acquired in a similar manner. There was so much lively participation that time ran out on 1946. Chris Groves thanked Mr Mobberly on the group's behalf.

Members were invited to sign the lists for the Federation Harvest Supper, the annual luncheon, a card-making session, the national carol service in Coventry and a musical moments event in October. Details were also given of the Christmas meal at The Old Courthouse.

Sue Cottrell and Alva Staves won the raffle. At the next meeting on June 10 ladies will hear Trevor Johnson's Black Country poems.



Pelsall TG committee members admire the guild's 50th birthday cake

THE guild's 50th Birthday celebrations were a great success. The group was made welcome at the Beverley Hotel with a Bucks Fizz drink on arrival, followed by a very enjoyable three course meal and tea/coffee.

Anne Blount was presented with a certificate and badge in recognition of 40 years' service. The chairman and committee members had the pleasure of cutting a beautiful cake baked and decorated by Pat Heeley.

Members were each given a slice of cake and an engraved flute glass to commemorate the occasion, on departing. Entertainers Kate's Party were excellent, with Kate

## PELSALL 'E TG

amusing the group with anecdotes and jokes and inviting them to sing along. She organised a 'Name that Tune' contest of familiar TV signature tunes.

After Kate's husband Larry had given a wonderful tribute to the Shadows on his electric guitar, Kate rounded off the evening with more songs and banter.

On June 20 Michael Taylor will give a talk on 'A Slip of the Pen'. The competition set is for 'Your Favourite Pen'.

## Illustrated talk on castle

WORDSLEY History Society hosts an illustrated talk by Max Keen entitled 'History of Dudley Castle', on Thursday, June 13.

He will talk about the families and the life and demise of this local historic gem. He

## WORDSLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

will bring our heritage to life with slides, memorabilia and costume of the age. The talk will take place in the community centre, Words-

ley Green, at 7.30pm. New members are welcome - and visitors at a cost of £2 including refreshments".



...we'll help  
make Your  
Holiday go  
That Little Bit  
Further...



We Sell  
**£1 = €1.14**

We also buy **€1 & €2 Euro coins**

We Buy  
**€1.20**



We Sell  
**£1 = \$1.47**

We Buy  
**\$1.57**

**We offer the  
Best Prices on  
Foreign Exchange  
NO COMMISSION**



★ ★ ★ **EURO GIVEAWAY** ★ ★ ★  
**1 EURO EXTRA ON EVERY £500 SPENT**



**HALESOWEN** Goldfingers, Plaza Mall Market Place Tel: 0121 585 8611

**www.bowjanglesmidlands.co.uk**

# SHOWROOM CLEARANCE SALE!



**This Week Only**  
**LARGE SELECTION  
OF RISE & RECLINER  
CHAIRS**  
**FROM £495**



**This Week Only**  
**4ft 6" Drawer Divan**  
**FROM £295**  
**ODD BASES AND MATTRESSES  
TO CLEAR FROM £69**

**FREE HOME DELIVERY AND  
FREE REMOVAL OF OLD BED**

**WE WILL NOT BE  
BEATEN ON PRICE!**

**£1000 part exchange for your old suite**

**This Week Only**

**Dining  
Table +  
4 Chairs**

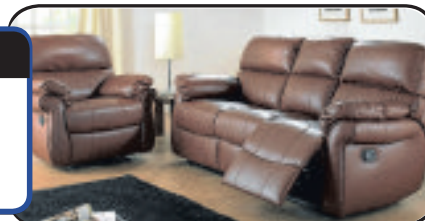
**from £295**



**This Week Only**

**3 Seater Sofa with  
2 Recliner Actions**

**from £599**



**dreamworld**  
furniture  
kingswinford

*It's a name you can trust.*  
**A family business, for over 30 years**  
**8 Stallings Lane,  
Kingswinford DY6 7HU**  
**Tel: 01384 295660**

**OPEN: MON-SAT 10 AM-5 PM SUN 10.30 AM-4.30 PM**  
**LARGE FREE CAR PARK**





## NEWS

## NEWS

## in brief

## Helpers wanted for big clean-up

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help tidy an area of Dudley this weekend.

The Saltwells Tenants and Residents Association has organised for a two-hour litter pick to take place at the corner of Leabank Road and Health Road on Sunday from 10am. Bags, high visibility jackets, litter-pickers and gloves will be provided.

All ages are welcome but children must be accompanied.

**Councillor Steve Waltho**, from Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, said: "It is great to see local communities coming together to help clean up their surroundings, fostering pride in the area."

"Let's hope the sun shines."

## Brass band is to play for the mayor

A BRASS band and primary school choir will entertain the new mayor and mayoress of Dudley at a concert next week.

The Phoenix West Midlands Brass Band will lead the concert at Netherton Art Centre on June 1. The show will start at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5. To book, call 01384 350415.

## Cash is Nisa-one

A FAMILY-run convenience store has donated £1,000 to help stage activities at a youth club in Quarry Bank. The Nisa store, in Quarry Bank High Street, has helped raise the money for Quarry Bank Youth Club.

# Dealing with all human life is routine at 999 call centre

**DEALING** with emergencies is all in a day's work for Marie Malone from Dudley. She is the first port of call for those seeking help from police.

Whether it's dealing with tragedy or boy racers and drunks, the 49-year-old is the reassuring voice on the other end of the phone for those dialling 999. She is one of a team of operators who monitor the telephones at West Midlands Police Contact Centre in Bournville, Birmingham. Mrs Malone, of Wall Heath, began manning the phone lines 13 years ago after being made redundant from her bank job. "I thought it would be nice to help people in my own small way," she said.

## Dealer selling drug from car

A DRUG dealer was caught selling cannabis from his car – which had a baby in the back seat. Wesley Bristow was with his partner Melissa Ball and three others when the vehicle was approached by police in Cecil Street, Stourbridge, on August 9.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard police had first become suspicious when they had seen two men waiting in the street. The hearing was told the vehicle being driven by Bristow had pulled into the street and 'an exchange' had taken place. Police then approached the vehicle.

Miss Alka Brigue, prosecuting, said the baby, which was not the couple's, had been in the back seat of the car. Officers found £710 in the car along with plastic tubs containing dealer bags and nearly 14 grams of cannabis with a street value of around £145.

Bristow, aged 24, of Austin House, Cradley Road, Netherton, pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to possessing cannabis with intent to supply and dealing cannabis.

Ball, 18, of School Road, Quarry Bank, pleaded guilty to possession. The couple, who have a two-month-old baby, wept as they waited to hear the court's sentence.

Bristow was given a 12-month prison sentence suspended for two years, placed under supervision for 18 months and drug rehabilitation for 12 months. Ball was given a community order for six months.

**Drunken**  
One of the more serious calls was from a female employee at Dudley's Aldi store, in Peartree Lane. A drunken man has been asked to leave the store after trying to buy alcohol and became enraged when he was refused. He has left the store but is hanging around outside disturbing customers. Mrs Malone takes the details which are sent to officers.

About 7.45pm, an 80-year-old man in Tipton called to report youths kicking balls over his garden wall and knocking on the door. She notes his age, that this has happened before and dispatches a police team.

The most pressing calls receive an 'immediate' response grading, while an 'early' response means officers aim to respond within an hour, the category the elderly man fits into. A 'routine' response means a visit later that day.

"Some people speak really fast and if you ask them to slow down then they can get frustrated," she said. Her worst experience on the other end of the phone was the death of a baby. She said: "When the call finishes, you just have to let it go. I have to get on with it and I can't be emotional."

## Kitten litter needs new homes



**Linda Case** from the Cats Protection League with two of the kittens needing rehoming

KITTENS rescued from a back garden in the Black Country now need loving new homes.

Teddy, Lily, Rosie and Fleur, all just six-weeks old, were rescued from a garden in West Bromwich late last month and are now almost ready to be rehomed.

Carer Linda Case, aged 72, said the kittens' journey had not been without hardship, with Fleur having to have both eyes removed and Lily losing one of her eyes due to ulcers.

Mrs Case, of Spies Lane, Halesowen, said: "They are such lovely kittens. Fleur has coped so well. She obviously can't see but she listens to the others and knows when they run past and she can chase them."

"It's fascinating to watch." The four kittens were among a litter of six who were

found at the house. A couple looking after their mother said they were not able to cope with the kittens, which were then just three weeks old.

Two of the kittens died before Mrs Case and her colleagues at the Cats Protection League were able to pick them up. Mrs Case said: "I don't know how the others survived as long as they did. They were on a wet pillow with a makeshift bed and it was damp and cold."

"The mother didn't want to leave them but the people who lived in the house said they just couldn't take care of them all."

With 50 kittens already under the care of the Cats Protection League, and no official base to keep them, Mrs Case keeps the kittens at home. Contact Maureen Lomas on 0121 550 8038.

## Veterans are called to medal ceremony

ARMED forces veterans are being called to come forward to have special medals and badges presented to them by the Mayor of Dudley.

Mayor, Councillor Alan Finch will make presentations, including the HM Armed Forces Veterans Badges, Arctic Stars and Bomber Command clasps at the Armed Forces Day event at Himley Hall on June 30.

Councillor Finch said: "Armed forces veterans are very much at the heart of the celebrations."

The event includes a band concert, display of military vehicles and family entertainment. Second World War veterans who served on the arctic convoys and in Bomber Command can request their badge before Armed Forces Day by calling 08457 800 900.

Anyone entitled to one of the HM Armed Forces Veterans Badges should call 0800 169 2277 or email SFVA-VeteransBadges@mod.uk. Anyone who has already received a badge but not had it presented can contact 01384 815222.

## Austen's event

STOURBRIDGE'S Soroptomist International group is marking the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice with a strawberries and cream afternoon tea on June 12 from 2pm to 5pm at Himley Hall, near Dudley.

Tickets cost £18.50. Call 01384 298814.

## ADVERTISEMENT

## Denture troubles? Unable to live life spontaneously?

# Your smile is priceless

THERE'S seemingly an impossible amalgamation between glamour and dentures, but these unlikely descriptive bedfellows are increasingly being thrown together at a ground-breaking Dudley clinic.

Under the watchful eye of dentist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), founder of the Denture Clinic, based in North Street, hi-spec prescriptions are helping turn back the hands of time.

Recently, the practice has undergone a major refurbishment, with three disciplines – general dentistry (North Street Dental), implantology (Total Implant Solutions) and the prescribing and manufacturing of dentures (Denture Clinic) all under one roof.

Key to a £1m investment are two new ground-floor surgeries, an level main entrance at the rear, disabled-friendly facilities and a large car park with a drop-off point right outside the reception area. A champion for those who wear dentures, Steven has spent more than ten years campaigning to "break the taboo over false teeth."

He is evangelical about what new generation dentures can achieve.

"Dentures have traditionally never been associated with cosmetic

Let us help you to regain lost looks and boost your confidence



makeovers, but our high-quality prosthetics have quite literally taken years off some of our patients," he said.

"People have come to us with ill-fitting dentures, sunken cheeks and pinched lips and we have been privileged to transform their looks. Can dentures be glamorous? Emphatically, yes."

"We are on the cusp of development, so that those who entrust their smile to us can be sure they will be advised on best options."

Steven's work has attracted people from all walks of life, including a former SAS mountain warfare specialist, an airline pilot, a multi-millionaire with his own jet, health professionals and "ordinary

salt-of-the-earth people from the Black Country." The clinic's prosthetics, hand-crafted at laboratories at the Dudley and Wolverhampton practices, have also found satisfied patients from as far away as Spain and Portugal. And the secret of his success? A seamless service to clients, where clinical assessment and the crafting of prescriptions are all in-house.

"It's a simple formula," said Steven, "but it has allowed me to be fastidious about the quality and we will never compromise on best clinical outcomes."

He admitted that denture wearers are one of the most challenging groups to treat successfully.

"I believe many of them have had a bad deal for years, but we are in the vanguard of changing outcomes and hopefully changing some lives for the better too," said Steven.

Steven draws on more than 30 years' experience in all disciplines of dental technology to produce his hallmark "functional, natural-looking teeth."

Having completed his training as a dental technician and started his own laboratory, Steven enrolled on a three-and-a-half year CDT training course with the George Brown College in Toronto, Canada, to enable him to work in his dental discipline independently of a dentist.

Graduating with honours, Steven undertook a further year's study under the auspices of The Royal College of Surgeons.

## Options

### Traditional

THE Denture Clinic is renowned for its natural look. Denturist Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng), says: "Quality, traditional dentures can be hugely effective."

### Suction

DENTURES which use suction to stay in place are helping to resolve common stability problems. The Ultra Suction teeth are held in place by tiny valve-operated devices fitted into the prosthetic.

Implant retained DENTURES retained by implants offer a guaranteed solution to stability issues. Implant procedures are available at the Denture Clinic Dudley and Wolverhampton premises through Total Implant Solutions.



Steven Burchell  
Dip CDT RCS (Eng)  
(GDC108353)  
with Denture Clinic  
manager Peter Brookes  
(GDC124429)

**01384 348594**

**The Denture Clinic**

**5 North Street, Dudley,**

**West Midlands, DY2 7DT**

**www.denture-clinic.co.uk**

**email: info@denture-clinic.co.uk**

• Complete dentures • Partial dentures • Copy dentures • Implant-retained dentures • Same-day repairs • Relines • Soft linings



## REVIEWS

## Hurry as feel-good show not hair for long

**Hairspray, Birmingham Hippodrome.** YOU can't stop the beat in Birmingham, where the new revival of West End feel-good show Hairspray is great escapism fun.

It is a delicious and delightful combination of memorable toe-tapping 60s-style songs, demented dance moves plus some of the most outrageous hair-dos (and don'ts) you ever will see.

It comes with a big dollop of humour,

warm-hearted racial harmony message, vibrant sets and energetic cast.

This production's big – and I mean BIG – assets are Mark Benton, from TV's Waterloo Road, as heroine Tracy Turnblad's formidable mom Edna, and Freya Sutton displaying boundless energy and an excellent voice as Tracy in her professional theatre debut.

There is excellent support from X Factor's Marcus Collins as slick

Seaweed J Stubbs, Lauren Hood as the shrill Penny Pingleton and Sandra Marvin's soul diva Motormouth Maybelle. But the highlight for me remains the classic Timeless To Me song and routine featuring Edna and her pint-sized husband Wilbur, played with impish humour by Paul Rider.

If you need a smile put on your face, go see Hairspray before it ends on Saturday. **Leon Burakowski**

## Entertaining play performed by an outstanding cast

**The Mousetrap, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton**

WHEN the queen of crime, Agatha Christie, saw The Mousetrap open in London's West End back in 1952, I wonder whether she herself thought it had the potential to run continuously for the next 60 years.

It certainly isn't the very best example of her work – other murder mysteries are equally as gripping – and yet there is still something very special about the way it has held audiences in the palm of its hand for over six decades.

In true Christie style, a group of quirky characters are assembled, this time at a small country guest house. After hearing of a murder, they become increasingly uneasy in the company of one another as their suspicions are aroused.

Well that's it in a nutshell, but the appeal and longevity of The Mousetrap has always been the surprising twist at the end which audiences are asked not to reveal.

The performance style is

exaggerated and over the top, but works perfectly as the script is humorous and very 'English.' It isn't taxing on the brain and the storyline glides along at just the right pace. The set is excellent and so visually authentic.

Corrie star, Bruno Langley is the quintessential English gent Giles Ralston, coupled perfectly with ex-EastEnders, Jemma Walker as his wife Mollie, whose excellent portrayal of her character gives the impression she is a woman with a secret from the very start.

Steven France as Christopher Wren brings just the right amount of humor to the piece and there is a wonderfully droll performance from Karl Howman as Mr Paravicini.

The reveal is by no means easy to predict, but the chances are you will forget the conclusion anyway before long.

The Mousetrap is just a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining play, in this case performed by an outstanding cast. It runs until Saturday.

**Alison Norton**

## Folk singer shows his story-telling penchant

**Chris Wood, Glee Club, Birmingham**

CHRIS Wood is one of those performers who has reached the age where grumpiness is obligatory, cynicism is acceptable – as long as it's healthy – and yet has still managed to keep a touch of the endearing naughty schoolboy about his persona.

He is also one of those old folk tradition troubadours where the lyrics reign supreme.

The Kentish lad was flanked on the double bass by Neil Harland and keyboard player Justin Mitchell as they opened with John Barleycorn. Refreshingly he moved on to Caesar, a political song, something sadly lacking on the folk circuit at the moment.

The title track of his album None the Wiser lets his cynicism out for while. Wood went on to perform one of his staple songs Jerusalem, moving on to a more traditional sounding folk song in Let Me In.

He pulled one of Martin Simpson's out of the bag with Come Down Jehovah before Sofia, a love story from the Crusades, showed his penchant for story-telling.

**Danny Farragher**

## Nothing funny about the prices at comedy festival

**Comedy Hullabaloo, Stratford-upon-Avon**

THIS new festival saw 35 comics in 25 stand-up shows over four days.

There were several big names among the rising stars but a sprinkling of empty seats suggests it still needs to become an established part of the festival calendar. Or maybe an average price of around £20 for typically four comics each doing 20 minutes was considered too pricey even for affluent Stratford.

There were few empty seats at The Courtyard as Sandi Toksvig held court with her delightful, witty Valentine show. Elsewhere, long-haired Seann Walsh impressed and Carl Donnelly was current. Mark Watson's nervy, self-analytical display reminded me of Woody Allen.

**Leon Burakowski**

## The Saltwells Inn

Good food at great prices

Saltwells Lane, Dudley DY51AX

**01384 569224**

[www.saltwellsinn.co.uk](http://www.saltwellsinn.co.uk)

**FAMILIES ALWAYS WELCOME**

**2 outside play areas  
Plus A Kids playroom  
Huge beer garden**

**Dont forget us during the school holidays!**

**CARVERY**  
available lunch times  
Monday to Friday 12pm - 3pm  
**£3.99**

**KIDS EAT FREE!**

**1 Free with every full paying adult meal purchased during June with this voucher.**

**GREAT EARLYBIRD SAVING**

Mon - Fri 3 - 7pm &  
Sat 12 - 5pm

**MONDAY**

Pie & Pud Night  
5pm to 9pm Only **£5.95**

**TUESDAY**

Steak Night after 5 pm

**Bookings always welcome - Larger parties catered for  
Fresh food served all day every day**

**FRIDAY**

Curry Night with every  
homemade curry ordered  
receive a **FREE pint\*\***

**SUNDAY**

Sunday Lunch  
2 courses  
Only **£5.25**

**New Menu  
and Promotions  
Coming Soon!**



Find us on  
Facebook

\*Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer or promotion.  
Not available Bank Holidays. \*\*Pint of Carlsberg, Tetleys, small Wine or draught pop

**“The Best Things  
In Life Are FREE!”**



**In Receipt of Benefits?  
Income of £15860 or Less?  
Homeowner or Private Tenant?**

**You could qualify  
for a totally  
FREE BOILER - Fitted**



- + Energy Performance Review
- + Chemical Flush
- + Service for Year 1
- + Standard Five
- + 2 Year Guarantee
- + TRV's (if required)

**Do you know  
someone else  
who qualifies?**

Interested?... Call now on **0800 083 1000**  
**www.NORTHERNGASHEATING.com**

\*Terms and Conditions. This offer may be claimed by home owners/occupiers and tenants who meet the criteria. Claims include those in receipt of one or more of the following: Child Tax Credit, Income Related Employment & Support Allowance, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Support, State Pension Credit or Working Tax Credit. Additional qualifying criteria will apply. Evidence of claimants' benefits and qualifying criteria will be required for verification. No other offers can be claimed in combination with this scheme/offer. This offer must be claimed at the time of confirming the order and cannot be applied retrospectively.

**NORTHERNGASHEATING**  
so comfortable, so affordable



# What's On! Halesowen

## Come and have a laugh at showcase

STOURBRIDGE Town Hall is hosting the monthly comedy event Kum-n-avaloff.

The show on June 6 and every first Thursday of the month puts on the best up-and-coming talent from all over the UK before they hit the big time, giving audiences the chance to see cutting edge comedy at great prices.

Please note the show does contain Adult material. Not suitable for under 18s.

Curry and Rice is served during the Interval. Vegetarian option is available. Tickets are £8.00

## Take it easy with an Eagles tribute

LOCAL band Take It Easy will be recreating the original sound of supergroup The Eagles at the Cornbow Hall, Halesowen.

Among the numbers performed will be Hotel California, Peaceful Easy Feeling, Take It To The Limit, Lyn' Eyes, One of these Nights, and many more. The Group is locally based.

The show starts at 7.45 pm Friday June 21  
Tickets are £10.00

## Elvis tribute to rock the Robin

LEE 'Memphis' King brings his Elvis on Tour tribute show to the Robin 2 venue at Mount Pleasant, Bilston, tomorrow night (Friday) with band and backing singers.

# Gasp at ghostly goings-on in romantic West End hit

## New musical is set in the swinging 60s

CARNABY Street, a new jukebox musical set in swinging 1960s London, is coming to Birmingham with a host of hits from the era. It tells the story of Penny Lane, a girl from Liverpool, aspiring Scouse musician Jude and a mister fixer character called Jumpin' Jack who find themselves at the epicentre of the mod and music scene in 60s Soho.

The producers may not have managed to get the rights to perform every hit they may have wanted to include but there are still plenty of favourites, from You Really Got Me to Go Now, to ensure a compilation album will accompany the show.

### Emmerdale

The cast has solid soap and musical credentials. Verity Rushworth, as Penny, was Donna Dingle in Emmerdale and went on to make her West End debut in Hairspray and replaced Connie Fisher as Maria for the UK tour of The Sound of Music.

Ex-Eastender Aaron Sidwell, as Jack, was in Loserville The Musical and Matthew Wycliffe, as Jude, has Jersey Boys on his CV. Carnaby Street will Keep On Running at the New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday.



Talking 'bout My Generation - Verity Rushworth and Aaron Sidwell in a scene from Carnaby Street The Musical, coming to Birmingham

## HIT West End show Ghost The Musical makes the Midlands debut of its first UK tour at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Tuesday.

Based on the popular 1990 movie, starring Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore, the musical features the iconic song Unchained Melody along with new songs written by Dave Stewart of The Eurythmics.

### Psychic

The story about murdered Sam, desperate to make contact with his girlfriend Molly via reluctant psychic Oda Mae Brown, features astonishing illusions bringing the supernatural to the stage. With direction from Matilda director Matthew Warchus, the leads are played by Stewart Clarke and Rebecca Trehearn. Wendy Mae Brown takes on the role of namesake Oda, played in the movie by Whoopi Goldberg.

Ghost continues at the Grand until June 15.



Stewart Clarke pictured with Rebecca Trehearn in Ghost The Musical

## Ballet home for summer season

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet return home from international touring to present two productions at the Birmingham Hippodrome in June.

Fans of The Nutcracker (returning this Christmas) should enjoy the classic Coppelia, in which a doll comes to life, from Monday to Saturday. Then ghostly ballet Giselle is staged from June 19 to 22.

## Tupele takes on Rita role in play

FORMER Coronation Street star Tupele Dorgu, who last year toured in the musical Chicago, takes the title role in Educating Rita at Lichfield's Garrick Theatre from tomorrow (Friday) to June 22.

Willy Russell's play about a Scouse hairdresser striving for an education with help from a boozy lecturer was made into a hit 1983 movie starring Black Country actress Julie Walters and Michael Caine.

Tom Roberts from the Garrick Rep company plays lecturer Tom.

## Disco legend to top bill at festival

DISCO stars Chic, featuring legendary producer Nile Rodgers, will be topping the bill at the Mostly Jazz Funk and Soul Festival at Moseley Park, Birmingham, on Sunday, July 7, with support from Brit funksters Soul II Soul.

Other acts at the three-day festival include Bonobo on July 5 and Candi Statton plus The Blockheads on July 6.

Red Dwarf/Coronation Street star and Radio 6 soul expert Craig Charles will be DJing. See the website mostlyjazz.co.uk.

## Classic concert by Welsh singer

ACCLAIMED Welsh bass baritone Bryn Terfel will be singing works by Verdi, Bizet and Handel in concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Friday, June 7.

**FORCES SUPPORT**  
LET'S HAVE A DIFFERENCE

**NOW OPEN**

Selling second hand furniture, electrical goods, bric-a-brac

**Sofas from £20 Wardrobes from £15**

**3 Piece Suites from £35**

*Come in and have a look, lots more bargains to be found*

**Please Donate**

**Furniture and House Clearances**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR KIND DONATIONS

**0121 525 0973**

**www.forcessupport.org.uk**

**34-36 Carters Green, West Bromwich, B70 9LW**

**PROVIDING PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILIES OF SERVICE PERSONNEL LOST TO WAR**

 Follow us on Facebook  
Forces support charity. Watch our family project daily


**The Knights Quest**

High Street, Blackheath 0121 561 5599

Public House & Entertainment Venue • Carvery & Grill

*Great Bar • Great Food • Great Entertainment!*

**MAY**  
Friday 31st  
**RECOVERED**

**JUNE**  
Saturday 1st  
**THE HOT RED CHILLI PEPPERS**

Sunday 2nd  
**SUNDAY NIGHT IS KARAOKE NIGHT !!!**

Monday 3rd  
**SHANE'S KARAOKE NIGHT !!!**

Tuesday 4th  
**PREDATORS TUESDAY NIGHT KARAOKE**

Wednesday 5th  
**BENCHYS BIG NIGHT OUT !!!**

Thursday 6th  
**STARMAKERS KARAOKE**



**Sunday Carvery £4.95 12 noon-5 pm**

**CARVERY TIMES**  
Mon-Thurs 12.00-2.30 pm, 6-8 pm  
Fri-Sat 12.00-2.30 pm

**Only £3.45**

**GREAT STEAK & GRILL DEALS NEW MENU**  
Featuring Grills and Succulent Steaks Available 7 days a week

We serve until 1am on Sundays, Midnight Monday-Wednesday, 1am Thursday, 2am Friday & Saturday DOORS CLOSE 11.00 pm Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun • Dress Code...Dress To Impress!

Find us at [www.theknightsquest.co.uk](http://www.theknightsquest.co.uk)





# What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 1.06.13

### CHOICE



Beyonce

### Beyonce and Friends Live at Twickenham BBC1, 10.50pm

Yep, you read that right – the world-dominating Beyonce and some of her best pop pals are taking over Twickenham Stadium for one night. Of course it's all in aid of a very good cause. The bootylicious Ms Knowles will be singing some of her biggest hits, as she headlines the event in aid of Chime For Change, a charity which campaigns for improved education, health and justice for women and girls worldwide. Beyonce will be joined by the likes of Jennifer Lopez, Florence and the Machine, Ellie Goulding and Rita Ora.

### BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News. Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Live MotoGP. **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Total Wipeout. (R) **5.00** Deadly Bloopers. **5.30** A Question of Sport. **6.00** Celebrity Mastermind. (R) **6.30** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **6.50** Pointless Celebrities. Debra Stephenson, Phil Daniels and the Cheeky Girls compete. (R) **7.35** The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the National Lottery draws, presented by Scott Mills. **8.30** The Voice UK. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates present the first knockout round, in which the judges reduce their teams of seven down to the three acts that will perform in the live shows. Continues tomorrow. **9.40** Casualty. When Tess witnesses a stabbing she becomes involved with the victim and the attacker. Charlie helps a couple whose relationship is affected by the wife's long-term illness. **10.30** BBC News: Weather. National Lottery Update. **10.50** Beyonce and Friends Live at Twickenham. Highlights of this evening's Chime for Change concert. **11.50** Beyonce: Life Is But a Dream – An Imagine Special. (R) **1.20** Weatherview. **1.25** BBC News.

### BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.40** Film: Curtain Call. (1940) **7.40** Film: Footlight Fever. (1941) **8.50** Film: Sing and Like It. (1934) **10.00** A History of Scotland. (R) **11.00** Map Man. (R) **11.30** Just a Minute. (R) **12.00** The Chef's Protege. (R) **12.30** The Chef's Protege. (R) **1.00** The Chef's Protege. (R) **1.30** The Chef's Protege. (R) **2.00** The Chef's Protege. (R) **2.30** EastEnders. (R) **4.20** Auction Hero. (R) **5.20** Coast. **6.05** Flag It! From Kidderminster, Worcestershire. (R) **7.05** Dad's Army. Pike borrows Mainwaring's car. (R) **7.35** A Tudor Feast at Christmas. Historians and archaeologists turn back the clock to recreate a feast with the ingredients, recipes and methods that would have been used more than 400 years ago. (R) **8.35** Henry VIII: Patron or Plunderer? Part one of two. Profile of the Tudor monarch who ordered the killing of writers and the demolition of ancient monasteries during his reign, yet was a cultured man. **9.35** Film: The Other Boleyn Girl. (2008) A bitter rivalry develops between two sisters as they compete for the affection of King Henry VIII. Historical drama, starring Natalie Portman, Scarlett Johansson and Eric Bana. **11.25** The Tudors. Thomas Cromwell's ruthless reforms spread terror through an increasingly vulnerable Catholic Church, while Anne Boleyn worries her position at the king's side is under threat. (R) **12.20** The Tudors. (R) **1.10** Film: Borderline Murder. (2011) **2.35** This Is BBC Two.

### ITV

**6.00** CITV: Special Agent Oso. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.00** Jessie. **8.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. (R) **11.20** TV News; Weather. **11.30** Saturday Farm. **12.30** Murder. She Wrote. (R) **1.30** River Monsters. (R) **2.35** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **3.20** The Chase. (R) **4.20** Film: The Borrowers. (1997). Children's fantasy, starring John Goodman. **6.00** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.15** ITV News; Weather. **6.30** You've Been Framed! Wheelbarrow woes and cheeky Chihuahuas. (R) **7.00** Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the last live semi-final, as nine acts compete for the remaining two slots in the final and the chance to appear at this year's Royal Variety Performance. The results are at 9.30pm. **8.30** Les Dawson: An Audience With That Never Was. The comedian entertains an audience as a hologram. **9.30** Britain's Got Talent Results. The last two finalists are announced. **10.00** The Americans. New series. Drama following two Soviet spies living undercover in 1980s America. **11.20** TV News; Weather. **11.40** French Open Tennis. Action from day seven at Roland Garros in Paris. **12.30** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Starter Wife. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

### CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British GT. **7.00** The Grid. **7.30** FIM World Superbikes. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Derby. **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.05** Come Dine with Me. IT enthusiast Ryan Bruce hosts the fourth dinner party in Leicester and tries to woo his guest with a Spanish-inspired menu and a salsa lesson. (R) **6.35** Come Dine with Me. Double-glazing salesman Richard Deeping hosts the final party in Leicester, and hopes to impress with his culinary prowess before the winner is announced. (R) **7.05** Channel 4 News. **7.30** Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud meets actor Sean Simons, who has bought the ruins of Clontykilla Castle in the Republic of Ireland with a view to creating a spectacular mock-16th-century home. (R) **8.30** Film: Transformers. (2007) A teenage boy's first car leads him into an intergalactic war between two factions of giant shape-changing robots. Sci-fi action adventure, starring Shia LaBeouf. **11.15** Jimmy Carr: Making People Laugh. The comedian performs in Glasgow. (R) **12.15** Derby Highlights. **12.45** Film: Perrier's Bounty. (2009) **2.15** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.20** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

### CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.05** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.40** ThunderCats. (R) **11.05** Highland Emergency. (R) **11.35** WW1's Tunnels of Death: The Big Dig. (R) **12.40** Emergency Bikers. (R) **1.40** CSI: Miami. (R) **2.30** CSI: Miami. (R) **3.30** CSI: NY. (R) **4.25** CSI: NY. (R) **5.25** Film: The Vikings. (1958) **7.25** 5 News Weekend. **7.30** NCIS: Gibbs' former mother-in-law surfaces as a witness in a murder investigation. (R) **8.30** NCIS. A marine is found with a gunshot wound six years after he disappeared in Afghanistan, and the team discovers he vanished while carrying out an undercover mission. (R) **9.20** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Stabler's former colleague Jo Marlowe (Sharon Stone) joins the team and tries to prove the innocence of a man who is accused of setting a fire in which his two daughters died. **10.15** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Benson and Stabler uncover an illegal adoption ring. **11.10** Neighbours: This Week. Hour-long episode featuring highlights from Ramsay Street over the past week, when Sonya's memory of Mason's attempted robbery returned. **12.10** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.55** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. (R) **4.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **4.55** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

### DIGITAL

**BBC Three** **7.00** Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel. **7.15** Merlin. **8.00** Top Gear Africa Special – Part One. **9.00** Russell Howard: Right Here Right Now. **10.45** Family Guy. **11.30** American Dad! **BBC Four** **7.00** Oceans. **8.00** British Masters. **9.00** Arne Dahl: Europa Blues – Part One. **10.30** Disco at the BBC. **11.30** The Joy of Disco **ITV2** **3.45** Britain's Got Talent. **5.20** Britain's Got Talent Results. **5.50** Film: The Scorpion King (2002) **7.40** Film: The Mummy (1999) **10.00** Britain's Got More Talent **11.00** Celebrity Juice. **11.45** Film: Unbreakable (2000) **ITV3** **3.50** Jane Austen's Emma. **6.00** Lewis. **8.00** Agatha Christie's Margate. **10.00** Blue Murder. **11.35** Taggart **ITV4** **9.30** Live French Open Tennis. Coverage of the seventh day's play from Roland Garros in Paris. **9.00** TT 2013. Highlights of the Superbike TT from the Isle of Man. **10.00** Film: Air America (1990) **E4** **5.25** The Mindy Project. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **7.00** Happy Endings. **7.30** How I Met Your Mother. **8.30** 2 Broke Girls. **9.00** Film: Cocktail (1988) **11.05** The Inbetweeners **Film4** **2.45** August Rush. (2007) **4.55** The Devil Wears Prada (2006) **7.05** Dr. Phil. (2008) Comedy, with Owen Wilson and Leslie Mann. **9.00** Shooter. (2007). Action thriller, with Mark Wahlberg, Michael Pena and Danny Glover. **11.25** The Hills Have Eyes (2006) Horror remake, starring Aaron Stanford.

## FREE TV Amplifiers for Pensioners

As part of Amplifon's National Campaign for Better Hearing we are now giving enquirers with hearing difficulties a FREE TV Amplifier to help with everyday sounds around the home – great for conversation, listening to TV, radio, even birds singing! Most people with hearing difficulties could benefit from this offer.

The TV Amplifier will be given free to keep, with batteries included. There is no obligation to purchase and all genuine enquirers will be delighted with this free offer from Amplifon.

**Hurry limited stock available.**

**FREEPHONE 0800 023 48 62**

Quote LOC2905

*"I first realised I was losing my hearing when I was struggling to hear the TV. I now wear hearing aids and no one complains about the volume on the TV anymore."*

Dr Chris Steele MBE



Please tell me how I can claim my **FREE TV Amplifier**

Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ (please tick) Other ☐

First name

Surname

Address

Postcode

Telephone  Mobile

The National Campaign for Better Hearing is a trading name of Amplifon Ltd.  
Simply address your envelope to FREEPOST Amplifon.  
(No further address details or stamp required.)

**amplifon**  
The Hearing Aid Specialists

LOC290513E58

**Sue's SWEET SHOP**  
105 Kent Road, Halesowen, B62 8PB  
07512 039062

**For a huge range of sweets and chocolate to suit all tastes**

- Party cones and bags made to order from £1.25
- Sugar free selection available
- Drinks and savoury snacks

**Opening Times**  
Mon-Thurs 8.00am-6.00pm  
Friday 8.00am-7.00pm  
Saturday 10.00am-7.00pm  
Sunday 12.00 noon-5.00pm

**KENT ROAD FISH BAR**

**Over 20 years**

**Fresh made Fish & Chips**  
**Special Deal Tray Meals**  
**Lamb & Chicken Kebabs**  
**Fried Chicken & Burger**

**Open seven days a week**

**Lunchtime**  
12 noon-2.30 pm Monday-Saturday

**Evening**  
4.30 pm-10.30 pm Monday-Thursday  
4.30 pm-11.00 pm Friday-Saturday  
5.00 pm-10.00 pm Sunday

**103 Kent Road, Halesowen B62 8PB**  
**0121 422 2162**

**Any Carpet ANYWHERE**

**MASSIVE CARPET AND VINYL CLEARANCE**  
**Roll Ends Reduced To Clear!**

- Free Quotes • Free Local Delivery • Free Measuring/Fitting Service

**10% OFF ALL VINYL ENDS**

**129 Coombs Road, Halesowen Call: 0121 561 4607**

**Halesowen Fireplaces**  
**AT THE HEART OF YOUR HOME**

**Complete Fireplace Packages from £499**  
(including fire)

For a range of Gas and Electric Fires and Surrounds visit our showroom (opposite Kwik Fit on Long Lane)  
**Telephone 0121 559 9985**

Unit 14, Long Lane Trading Estate, Long Lane, Halesowen B62 9LD  
**www.halesowenfireplaces.co.uk**

**Brew your own Beer, wine or cider**

**BREWMONKEY HOMEBREW**

Come to our shop in **CRADLEY HEATH**

TELEPHONE **01384 620238**

EITHER WITH TRADITIONAL INGREDIENTS OR AN EASY TO USE KIT

**and save money!**

27 High Street. Opposite Tesco

COMING SOON an exclusive range of bottle conditioned beers

SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DETAILS  
BREWMONKEY HOMEBREW

**BEER, WINE AND CIDER MAKING**

For online sales visit: **brewmonkey.co.uk**

**BULLS HEAD**  
Carvery & Restaurant

Himley Road, Gornal Wood, Dudley, DY3 2TS 01384 238885

Families welcome, Beer Garden, Play Area, Ample Parking. 6 Real Ales.

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST, CARVERY & MEALS Served till 9pm 7days**  
unlimited hot drinks **£3.95** Like us on Facebook **Mon - Sat £4.50 Sunday £6.95**

ON ALL ORDERS OVER £20 DISCOUNT WITH THIS VOUCHER **£5**



## What's On!

## SUNDAY'S TV 2.06.13

Listings supplied by Press Association

## CHOICE



Nicholas Farrell

**Spying on Hitler's Army: The Secret Recordings Channel 4, 8pm**

Nicholas Farrell heads the cast of this powerful docudrama which turns the spotlight on one of the Second World War's final secrets: a daring British intelligence operation to eavesdrop on the private conversations of 10,000 German PoWs without them knowing. With many dramatisations there's a feeling of dramatic licence being employed with the script. However, the original transcripts are dramatised word for word. British intelligence used three stately homes for this major operation, and converted each into a clever trap.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Points of View. **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.55** The Queen: A Passion for Horses. (R) **5.55** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

**6.15** **Countryfile**. Matt Baker follows a virtual trail that allows visitors to see the animals of Tentsmire forest. File. Ellie Harrison searches for ferns on the mud-flats off the Hampshire coast. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

**7.15** **The Voice UK**. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates present as the knockout rounds come to an end and the line-up for the live shows is revealed. The quarter-finals are on Friday at 7pm.

**8.30** **Case Histories**. Jackson helps a teenage boy understand how his murdered mother really died, and the PI receives a blast from the past when Julia arrives back in town. Last in the series.

**10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

**10.25** **The Matt Lucas Awards**. Compilation of highlights from the recent series. Last in the series.

**10.55** **Live at the Apollo**. With Al Murray, Chris Addison and Tim Vine. (R)

**11.40** **The Sky at Night**. The lives of stars and what happens when they die.

**12.00** Film: Honeymoon. (2010) **1.30** Weatherview. **1.35** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **7.00** Film: Melody Cruise. (1933) **8.15** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.45** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Chinese Food Made Easy. (R) **12.00** What to Eat Now. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. **2.00** Live Triathlon. **5.00** Dambusters Declassified. (R)

**6.00** **The Dambusters: 70 Years On**. Dan Snow presents coverage of a tribute to the 133 men involved in the bombing raids on the dams of Germany's Ruhr Valley on the night of May 16, 1943. (R)

**7.00** **Peter Jones Meets**. New series. Leading entrepreneurs discuss their businesses with the Dragons' Den star, beginning with the people behind home and garden chain The Range and cosmetics company Lush.

**8.00** **Ice Age Giants**. Alice Roberts investigates why certain species died out as the world warmed up, examining how the woolly rhino was unable to adapt to increasing snowfall. Last in the series.

**9.00** **Australia with Simon Reeve**. The adventurer meets members of a motorcycle gang in Gold Coast and takes to the air to witness the devastating and deadly fires ripping through the bush. Last in the series.

**10.00** **Blackadder II**. Edmund is appointed Lord High Executioner. (R)

**10.30** **Film: The Road**. (2009) Post-apocalyptic drama, starring Viggo Mortensen.

**12.10** **The Tudors**. (R) **1.55** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.50** Holby City. (R) **3.50** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Special Agent Oso. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **8.00** Sony with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.25** Film: Columbo Goes to the Guillotine. (1989) **1.25** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.25** Film: Evil Under the Sun. (1982) **4.35** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **5.20** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.30** Coronation Year in Colour.

**6.30** **ITV News**; Weather. **6.45** **Catchphrase**. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. Last in the series.

**7.30** **Live International Football**. Brazil v England (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the friendly encounter at the Maracana in Rio de Janeiro, as Roy Hodgson's men face Brazil for the second time in five months.

**10.25** **ITV News**; Weather.

**10.40** **International Football Highlights**. Brazil v England.

**11.25** **French Open Tennis**. Action from day eight at Roland Garros in Paris, which was scheduled to feature the start of the fourth round in both the men's and women's draws.

**12.30** **The Store**. **2.30** Monk. (R) **3.15** Motorsport UK. **4.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freesports on 4. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.40** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.40** The Simpsons. (R) **2.10** The Simpsons. (R) **2.40** Film: Brewster's Millions. (1985) Comedy, starring Richard Pryor and John Candy. **4.45** Deal or No Deal. **5.50** Film: Ice Age. (2002) **7.25** **Channel 4 News**.

**7.55** **The Political Slot**. Paul Nuttall, deputy leader of UKIP, talks to voters in London who feel they have been ignored by Labour politicians.

**8.00** **Spying on Hitler's Army: The Secret Recordings**. Drama-documentary telling the story of a covert British intelligence operation to eavesdrop on the conversations of 10,000 German PoWs held during the Second World War.

**9.00** **Film: Nine**. (2009) Premiere. An Italian movie director struggling to find inspiration relives his relationships with the various women in his life. Musical, with Daniel Day-Lewis, Marion Cotillard and Penelope Cruz.

**11.15** **Film: Dreamgirls**. (2006) Musical drama about a famous singing trio, whose personal rivalries threaten to tear apart the group. Starring Jamie Foxx, Beyoncé, Knowles and an Oscar-winning Jennifer Hudson.

**1.35** **Film: I Love You, Beth Cooper**. (2009) **3.20** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.10** Deal or No Deal. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.50** Hanna's SuperScrimps.

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Chloe's Closet. **6.55** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.15** Animal Antics. (R) **7.20** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.45** Mio Mao. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jam. (R) **10.00** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **10.05** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.40** ThunderCats. (R) **11.05** Inside Hollywood. **11.10** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.10** World's Craziest Police Pursuits 6. (R) **1.15** Film: Scooby-Doo. (2002) **2.55** Film: Richie Rich. (1994) **4.45** Film: Stargate. (1994)

**6.55** **5 News Weekend**.

**7.00** **Cricket on 5**. England v New Zealand.

**8.00** **Once Upon a Time**. Cora sends Hook to retrieve the magic compass.

**9.00** **Film: The Switch**. (2010) Premiere. Comedy, starring Jennifer Aniston and Jason Bateman.

**11.05** **Film: Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery**. (1997)

**1.00** **SuperCasino**. **3.50** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. (R) **4.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **4.55** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **5.05** Hanna's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hanna's Helpline. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Snog. Marry. Avoid? **7.30** Don't Tell the Bride to Be: The Proposal. **8.30** Film: The Proposal (2009) **10.15** Family Guy **11.00** American Dad! **11.45** Sweat the Small Stuff: Extra Sweaty

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** The Dark Ages: An Age of Light **8.00** Crossing England in a Punt: River of Dreams **9.00** Royal Journey: The Princess Elizabeth in Canada **9.55** Sounds of the 70s **10.00** Anita O'Day - The Life of a Jazz Singer **11.30** Classic Soul at the BBC

**ITV2**  
**2.00** Film: Evan Almighty (2007)

**4.00** Britain's Got Talent **5.30** Britain's Got Talent Results **6.00** Film: A Cinderella Story (2004)

**8.00** Film: Rumor Has It (2005)

**10.00** The Only Way Is Marbs

**10.50** Big Rich Texas **11.50** Film: Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991)

**ITV3**  
**2.00** Tom Brown's School Days **4.00** Lewis **5.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Vera. The key to a murder lies deep in the memory of the victim's son. **10.00** Prime Suspect

**ITV4**  
**9.30** Live French Open Tennis. **9.00** TV 2013. **10.00** Film: Nevada Smith (1966)

**E4**  
**3.30** How I Met Your Mother **4.55** Revenge **5.50** The Mindy Project **6.20** New Girl **6.50** The Big Bang Theory **8.15** Film: Zoolander (2001) **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.00** Rude Tube: Animal Madness

**Film4**  
**3.10** Valiant (2005) **4.40** The Poseidon Adventure (1972) **6.55** Edward Scissorhands (1990) **9.00** The Tourist (2010) Romantic thriller, with Johnny Depp. **11.05** Good Luck Chuck (2007)

## FREE TV Amplifiers for Pensioners

As part of Amplifon's National Campaign for Better Hearing we are now giving enquirers with hearing difficulties a FREE TV Amplifier to help with everyday sounds around the home - great for conversation, listening to TV, radio, even birds singing! Most people with hearing difficulties could benefit from this offer.

The TV Amplifier will be given free to keep, with batteries included. There is no obligation to purchase and all genuine enquirers will be delighted with this free offer from Amplifon.

Hurry limited stock available.

**FREEPHONE 0800 023 48 62**

Quote LOC2905

"I first realised I was losing my hearing when I was struggling to hear the TV. I now wear hearing aids and no one complains about the volume on the TV anymore."

Dr Chris Steele MBE



Please tell me how I can claim my FREE TV Amplifier

Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ (please tick) Other ☐

First name

Surname

Address

Postcode

Telephone  Mobile

The National Campaign for Better Hearing is a trading name of Amplifon Ltd.

Simply address your envelope to FREEPOST Amplifon.

(No further address details or stamp required)

**amplifon**  
The Hearing Aid Specialists

LOC2905/13/ES8

EPSON LEXMARK brother SAMSUNG Canon OKI hp EPSON LEXMARK brother SAMSUNG Canon OKI hp

# LOWEST PRICED Inkjet & Laser Toner Cartridges

**HP364XL**  
Original Black £14.99  
Colour £13.32 each  
Less4ink £9.99 each

**HP CB540A**  
Black £59.99  
Colour £56.66 each  
Less4ink Black £46.99  
Less4ink Colour £44.99 each

**Lexmark 100 Black**  
£14.79  
Colour £9.99 each

**HP Q6000A**  
Black £66.63  
Colour £73.18 each  
Less4ink Black £37.99  
Less4ink Colour £37.99 each

**EPSON T1281**  
Black £7.99  
Original Colour £7.99 each  
Less4ink Colour £5.99 each

**HP940XL**  
Black £25.51  
Colour £16.28 each  
Less4ink Black £19.99  
Colour £11.99 each

**EPSON T0711**  
Black £8.99  
Colour £8.99  
Less4ink Colour £6.63

**Samsung MLT - D1082s**  
Original £51.07  
Less4ink £32.76

**Brother LC1240**  
Black £17.35  
Colour £11.10 each  
Less4ink £9.99 each  
Colour £6.99 each

**HP300XL**  
Colour £24.99  
Less4ink (exchange cartridge) £15.99

**16GB USB £14.99**  
**8GB USB £8.49**  
**4GB USB £6.99**  
**2GB USB £4.99**

**Business & School Accounts Welcome**  
**FREE Delivery (no minimum order)**  
**Accounts Agreed (no paperwork)**  
**Good Credit Terms**  
**100% Quality Guaranteed**

**SPECIAL OFFER**  
Buy a Set of 4 less4ink Cartridges and get 1 Cartridge **FREE**  
**Less4ink Compatible Inkjet Cartridges from £1.99**

**less4ink**  
COMPUTER ESSENTIALS

**PRINTER CARTRIDGE CENTRES**  
**PRICE PROMISE**  
We won't be beaten on price  
HAGLEY STREET  
HALESOWEN TOWN CENTRE (next to W.H. Smith)  
Tel: 0121 550 7333 sales@less4ink.co.uk



# What's On!

## Film Choices

### MONDAY

AVP: Alien vs Predator, Channel 5, 11pm

A team of scientists investigates the discovery of a mysterious pyramid beneath the Antarctic ice, which is inhabited by a deadly alien race. Sci-fi thriller, starring Sanaa Lathan, Raoul Bova and Lance Henriksen. (2004)

### TUESDAY

Lady in the Water, BBC1, 11.35pm

The caretaker of an apartment complex rescues a mysterious young woman struggling in the swimming pool. When the residents learn the stranger is a water nymph on a mission to save mankind, they rally round to help her return to her own world – but strange creatures are set to spoil their plans. Fantasy directed by M Night Shyamalan, who also appears in the film alongside Bryce Dallas Howard and Paul Giamatti. (2006)

### WEDNESDAY

Surrogates, BBC1, 11.05pm

In the future, all human activity is performed by robot duplicates mentally controlled by their owners, who live lives of complete isolation. As a mysterious killer begins murdering both humans and their doubles, an FBI agent ventures into the real world for the first time in years to catch the criminal. Sci-fi thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Radha Mitchell. (2009)



Surrogates, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.05pm

### THURSDAY

Hunger Point, Channel 5, 3.10pm

Two sisters struggle to come to terms with the legacy of their mother's obsession with dieting and physical perfection. As they try to beat the strict conditioning she instilled in them, they begin to rebuild their shattered family life. Drama, starring Barbara Hershey. (2003)

### FRIDAY

Point Break, BBC1, 11.55pm

An FBI agent goes undercover in a Californian surfing gang suspected of carrying out a series of armed robberies wearing masks modelled on former US presidents. However, his loyalties are tested to the limits when he is befriended by the gang's leader. Thriller, starring Keanu Reeves and Patrick Swayze. (1991)

No Escape, Channel 4, 12.35am

A marine captain taken to an isolated island prison for killing his superior officer finds the captives have formed two distinct societies – one is striving to exist harmoniously in a fortified compound, while the other has descended into savagery. The soldier is drawn into helping the peaceful community defend itself from feral convicts while he plots his own escape. Sci-fi adventure, with Ray Liotta, Lance Henriksen and Stuart Wilson. (1994)

## Pick of the Week

### Will the Jennings' hidden secret be uncovered?

Elizabeth and Philip. Mention those two names, and probably the people that come to mind are our present Queen and her consort, the Duke of Edinburgh.

Whether Joe Weisberg, former CIA member and the creator of The Americans, had them in mind when he came up with the characters featured here remains a mystery; they certainly don't have much in common with those denizens of the House of Windsor.

Instead of focusing on their marriage, it tells the story of two KGB agents who are posing as ordinary Americans in suburban Washington DC.

For those of us not around at the time, it's difficult to imagine just how paranoid the world was during the Cold War. However, this fascinating new drama should provide viewers with an education into the last few years of the situation.

Set just after the start of Ronald Reagan's term as US President in 1981, it begins by making it clear that despite having entered into a

marriage of convenience, Philip and Elizabeth have developed real feelings together.

The pair have become genuinely close and now have a passionate relationship, as well as two children – 13-year-old Paige and Henry, 10 – who have no idea of their parents' true identity.

Philip is played by Matthew Rhys, whose previous most high-profile roles have come as Kevin Walker in the US series Brothers and Sisters, and the ITV drama The Scapgoat.

"I think where you find Philip in the first episode is: he's come to a point in his life where he is no longer defined by his job," says Rhys. "The priority now in his life is his children. He's realised that his and Elizabeth's job has a shelf life and that the vice is slowly tightening and it's something they can't sustain."

"I think his real ambition in life is to secure the future for his children and for him and Elizabeth, really. His super-objective is to make sure that they're all safe – and the only real way to do that is to get out."

Philip thinks the perfect opportunity to do just that takes place in the first episode after he and his wife are ordered to kidnap Timoshev, a big shot at the KGB who recently defected to the US.

But the mission goes horribly wrong, and they're left with a hostage they can't seem to get rid of.

Philip thinks they should hand Timoshev back and defect themselves, but Elizabeth is horrified – she's still loyal to Mother Russia. But this division in their marriage is soon forgotten when an FBI agent moves in next door, and it's clear he's suspicious of his new neighbours...

Whether The Americans becomes ITV's answer to Channel 4's Homeland remains to be seen, but it certainly has potential.

It's also unusual for the broadcaster to show a US import, especially on a Saturday night – fingers crossed it works out well, because we're intrigued to see how this Elizabeth and Philip's story develops.



Matthew Rhys stars in The Americans, Saturday, ITV, 10pm

## Best of the Rest

### MONDAY

Vicious

ITV, 9pm

Ian McKellen and Derek Jacobi have spent so long in the business, there's little wonder they handle what is essentially a glorified stage play with the skill of a couple of seasoned card players dealing ace after ace of comedy gold. It doesn't hurt that fellow showbiz veteran Frances de la Tour is also on board. After all, she was making millions of us giggle back in the days when co-star Iwan (Misfits) Rheon was a twinkle in his parents' eyes. This week, Freddie and Stuart invite Ash and new girlfriend Chloe to dinner. However, her annoying habits soon wind the camp thespians up. Meanwhile, Violet is having problems with her Argentinian lover.

### TUESDAY

Body of Proof

Channel 5, 10pm

Hollywood loves a killer virus story, with projects such as Outbreak, 24 and Contagion creating edge-of-the-seat tension. As last week's chilling story reaches its conclusion, a lethal virus is being spread around Philadelphia, so the team race against the clock to find a cure before it's too late. Peter Morgan's friend Dani and scores of others have already been killed by the disease, and Kate, head of the medical examiners' office, is also infected. Luckily she has stabilised and is now in quarantine. FBI Special Agent Brendan Johnson suggests one of the victims may be the terrorist who spread the disease, so the

team search the city hospitals in the hope of finding him.

### WEDNESDAY

Love and Marriage

ITV, 9pm

This new light-hearted drama in the Shirley Valentine mould stars Alison Steadman as Pauline Parake. In episode one, she's retiring from work as a lollipop lady. It's a major event in her life, but the only person who notices or seems to care is Peter Bachman (Bruce Alexander), who gives her a present. Pauline feels put upon and taken for granted by her family, and the pressure builds when her dad, Frank (David Ryall), has an accident. Seeking comfort from Ken, he cruelly dismisses her, which is the final straw for Pauline, who decides to make a fresh start.

### THURSDAY

Coma

Channel 5, 9pm

Back in the late 1970s, Robin Cook's novel Coma was turned into a hit-and-miss thriller with Michael Douglas and Genevieve Bujold. After more than 30 years, the subject matter (creepy goings on at a hospital) was ripe for a remake, and this large dose of adrenalin should pep up your night's viewing a treat. Lauren Ambrose plays medical student Susan Wheeler who starts her first year of training at the Peach Tree

Memorial Hospital, built by her late grandfather. Because an unusually high proportion of operations are resulting in the patient falling into a coma, Susan suspects something is going wrong at the hospital, but her investigations are soon thwarted at every turn.

### Life Savers

BBC1, 9pm

We have a tendency to overuse certain phrases: for instance, someone, somewhere, will have been described as a "life-saver" today for something as simple as bringing a colleague a cup of tea. Which is all well and good, but where does it leave the people who genuinely do save lives on a day-to-day basis? This documentary captures the work of emergency medical crews at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, as cameras follow patients from the roadside to treatment and recovery. In the first episode, a head-on collision traps a family of three in one car and a single driver in the other. Thanks to consultant Rod Mackenzie and his colleagues, things could have been a lot worse. Now that's a life-saver.

Coma, Thursday, Channel 5, 9pm

### FRIDAY

The Voice UK

BBC1, 7pm

It's the first live round, which means Jessie J will answer everything like it's a question, before hugging every member of her acts that don't make it through to the next stage. Will.i.am will be resisting the urge to Tweet his fans with thoughts on the show or his own unique world view, while Danny O'Donoghue jumps around in his seat like a child who's had too much orange juice. As ever, the effortlessly cool Tom Jones will be lending his expert opinion to the proceedings. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates will guide us through the musical mayhem as the dozen remaining acts perform for a place in next week's semi-final. You at home vote on who goes through, and the results can be seen at 9.30pm.

### Channel 4's Comedy Gala

Channel 4, 9pm

Gosh! This should be a night to remember as a host of famous faces team up to raise a giggle in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital. Michael McIntyre, Jack Dee, Jo Brand, Jonathan Ross, Adam Hills, Russell Brand, Kevin Bridges, Lee Evans and Josh Widdicombe have all descended on London's O2 for a mix of stand-up comedy and specially written sketches. And if that lot aren't enough to make you tune in, how about Paddy McGuinness, Rhod Gilbert, Seann Walsh, Tom Stadle, Nina Conti, Paul Chowdhry and Jon Richardson? Plus, Alan Carr, Miranda Hart and Warwick Davis team up with Diversity to showcase their own style of nifty footwork.

## Destination Dunoon.....

### SIZZLING SUMMER SAVER

from SGE Travel

### EXECUTIVE COACH TRAVEL TO THE WEST COAST OF SCOTLAND

- Beautiful 3 Star family run hotels
- Entertainment, excursions, stunning scenery and superb food all included
- Service of Excellence • Home pickups available

**BOOKING HOTLINE NUMBER 01369 708998 www.sgetravel.com**

### EXECUTIVE COACH TRAVEL TO THE WEST COAST OF SCOTLAND 2013 Tour Dates

★ Sizzling Summer Breaks	Monday 1st July 7 nights 8 days for	Was £252	Now £299 pp
Scorching Summer	Monday 19th August 6 nights 7 days for	Was £339	Now £289 pp
Autumn Leaves	Sunday 6th October 5 nights 6 days for	Was £269	Now £229 pp
Holly & Mistletoe	Sunday 10th November 5 nights 6 days for	Was £249	Now £199 pp
All That Sparkles	Monday 23rd December 6 nights 7 days for	Was £449	Now £379 pp

West Midlands Pick up Points: Dudley, Wolverhampton, Stafford, Walsall, Cannock, Wednesbury.

Excursions available: Oban, Inveraray, Stirling, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Oban, Argy, Largs, Bannockburn, around the peninsula of Dunoon, Isle of Skye, Silver Sands, Plores, Hailig and Newtonmore!

**BOOKING HOTLINE NUMBER 01369 708998 www.sgetravel.com**

## BLACK COUNTRY CARAVANS & CAMPING

Find us on Facebook @bccaravans

### CARAVANS

Top prices paid on part exchanges  
New for 2013 - Sprite Dealers

Up to £4000 off!

### TRAILER TENTS

10 trailer tents on display in our new indoor showroom!

Large indoor showroom!

### FOLDING CAMPERS

New models from £8995  
Used models from £3995  
New for 2013 - Pennine Dealers

Up to £1200 off!

### AWNINGS

Buy online at: www.blackcountryawnings.co.uk

Free Delivery!

Congreaves Road, Cradley Heath, West Midlands, B64 7DA  
01384 413336 www.blackcountrycaravans.co.uk

## ACHTUNG - PARTS FOR EVEN MORE GERMANS!

NOT ONLY VW-AUDI, BUT ALSO B.M.W., SEAT, SKODA & MERCEDES

CHECK OUR UNBEATABLE PRICES UP TO 70% DISCOUNT

Quality, Service & Value Since 1975

**P.W. EURO PARTS LTD.**  
TWO GATES LANE  
HALESOWEN WEST MIDLANDS  
TEL: 01384 567752 & 565300  
www.pweuroparts.com

14 Hagley Road, Halesowen (town centre)  
0121 550 9800

## DOMESTICS of Halesowen

Why buy secondhand or pay large repair costs when you can buy new at realistic prices

### SALES • SPARES • REPAIRS

Fridge Freezers From £149	Washing Machines From £119	Dishwashers From £199 (For Illustration Purposes Only)
------------------------------	-------------------------------	--

- Larders From £89
- Freezers From £99
- Large Selection of Vacuums From £39
- Cookers From £139
- Dryers From £99
- Spinners From £99

Open Monday - Thursday 8 am - 4.30 pm. Friday - Saturday 9 am - 4 pm

**We also repair • Washers • Cookers • Refrigeration**  
All Items Carry A 12 Month Full Guarantee  
Plus More Electrical Goods In Stock



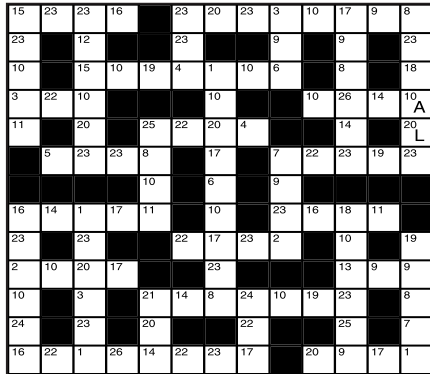
# Puzzler

## Brain Gym

No.223

### Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



1	14
2	15
3	16
4	17
5	18
6	19
7	20
8	21
9	22
10	23
11	24
12	25
13	26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

S	W	O	G	R	F	Y	Z	V	H	K	Q	U
P	C	T	L	D	J	E	N	B	I	M	A	X

### Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

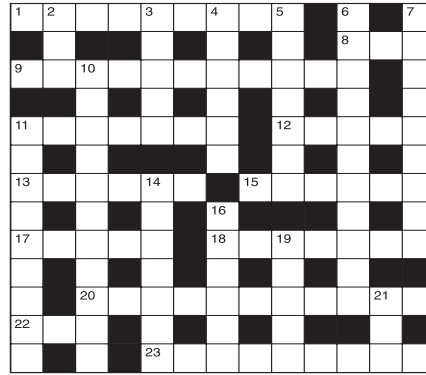
#### Cryptic Clues:

##### Across

- Made one's mark as a non-runner? (9)
- I personally am included in the negotiations (3)
- Advantageously provided for - as a spa will be (4-7)
- Stop on board (5,2)
- Dougie lost nothing in contriving to become a leader (5)
- Shoots descendants (6)
- It's fearfully ugly (6)
- May's past ability (5)
- Stamp something out (7)
- His role may be grand or comic (5,6)
- Slippery part of the elm (3)
- Unwilling to give credit (9)

##### Down

- It's needed by pot-ers and actors (3)
- The rent is halved in that place (5)
- Bay of the hounds? (6)
- Do have a flutter, old lady! (7)
- Special band for the match (7,4)
- A warm tent to put up for a S. African (9)
- The part of a conductor? (7,4)
- Won't a teller handle such cash? (4,5)
- Spicy little things, crazy about Margaret! (7)
- He stole away from the shore (6)
- The object of putting nothing in a pint (5)
- Middle of the rain period (3)



#### Quick Clues:

##### Across

- Fivefold (9)
- Single (3)
- Announcement (11)
- Mats (7)
- Of those (5)
- Vindicate (6)
- Injury (6)
- Lucifer (5)
- Want (7)
- Order (11)
- Decay (3)
- To the letter (9)

##### Down

- Employ (3)
- Track (5)
- Laud (6)
- Letter (7)
- Suitableness (11)
- Submission (9)
- Focus (11)
- Convey (9)
- Universal (7)
- Lodestone (6)
- Guide (5)
- Nothing (3)

### Sudoku

8				3				4
	5	4				9		
	7		1	4	2			5
		1	9		8	5		
	3						6	
5		6	4		3	1		
	8		2	5	4			
		3				7		2
2				7				8

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	9	2	1	3	8	6	7	5
1	8	3	6	5	7	4	2	9
7	5	6	2	4	9	3	1	8
9	1	4	7	8	3	2	5	6
3	7	8	5	6	2	9	4	1
6	2	5	4	9	1	8	3	7
2	6	7	9	1	4	5	8	3
5	3	1	8	2	6	7	9	4
8	4	9	3	7	5	1	6	2

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Effect; 4 Artist; 9 Bank overdraft; 10 Say when; 11 Alter; 12 Guide; 14 Tenet; 18 Raise; 19 On a diet; 21 Dressed to kill; 22 Reside; 23 Orphan. Down: 1 Emboss; 2 Funny business; 3 Cloth; 5 Red face; 6 In at the finish; 7 Tutors; 8 Teens; 13 Dressed; 15 Trader; 16 Bonds; 17 Stolen; 20 Amour. QUICK - Across: 1 Repair; 4 Errand; 9 Chronological; 10 Emperor; 11 Limit; 12 Scope; 14 Broom; 18 Incur; 19 Radiant; 21 Pronunciation; 22 Listen; 23 Clinch. Down: 1 Riches; 2 Pesticides; 3 Inner; 5 Regular; 6 Accommodation; 7 Dilute; 8 Glory; 13 Perfume; 15 Dispel; 16 Tract; 17 Stench; 20 Drawl.

**NEW FABRICS**

**BACK-CARE CHAIRS from £199**

**RECLINERS & RISER RECLINERS\***

**RECLINING SWIVEL CHAIRS**

**DROP-ARM SOFAS**

**ELECTRICALLY ADJUSTABLE BEDS**

**FREE Delivery (UK MAINLAND)**

**HSL**

For FREE catalogue, fabrics card, and direct prices... **Phone 01924 507050**

7-DAY 'NO QUIBBLE' MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE - IF NOT DELIGHTED WE'LL COLLECT FREE

**FREE 7-14 day delivery on many models**

**QUOTE PA15**

**STORES NATIONWIDE**

**www.hslchairs.com**

NAME.....  
CAPITALS.....  
Address.....  
.....  
Postcode.....  
HSL, (DEPT. PA15),  
FREEPOST LS6434,  
VICTORIA ROAD,  
DEWSBURY WF13 2BR

**COME AND TRY OUR BRAND NEW MENU!**

**FREE SALAD WITH EVERY MAIN MEAL**

**Plus we have our carvery 7 days per week**  
Mon - Fri £3.99 - Sat £4.99 - Sun £6.99

**Mega Mix Meal Challenge**  
(Eat it all and get a FREE DESSERT)

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET BREAKFAST**  
**£3.95**  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday only  
8.30am - 11.00am

**THE PARK LANE TAVERN**

Park Lane, Colley Gate B63 2NT  
**01384 345824**

**www.parklanetavern.co.uk**

**JOHN T. HARRIS**  
BLACKHEATH FURNITURE & BEDROOM CENTRE

Stockists of **Sherborne Upholstery**

Unbeatable prices on  
3 piece suites, high seated  
chairs 'Lift and Rise' recliners

Quality Reupholstery Service

**0121 559 2402**  
1A Causeway, Blackheath  
Now open Saturday 10am-2pm, Weekdays 10am-4.30pm  
Closed all day Thursday • Private car park • Disabled access

**The Bell & Bear**

Good home cooked fresh food  
Specialist gluten free menu  
7 Cask Ales inc Enville  
& Timothy Taylor Landlord  
Quiz Night on Thurs & Sun Eve  
9pm free entry  
Sunday Lunch 12 midday - 9pm  
Book Now for Father's Day

71 Gorsty Hill Road, Rowley Regis, B65 0HA  
Tel: 0121-561-2196  
thebellandbear@aol.com  
ample free parking on site

**LOCHS GLENS HOLIDAYS**

**Scenic Scotland**

**Loch Tummel Hotel**  
Perthshire

A 5 day coach holiday staying at our Loch Tummel Hotel. There will be an excursion everyday including Perth, entrance into Scone Palace, a spectacular journey on the highest mountain railway in Cairngorms, Aberfeldy, Creiff & Pitlochry.

All for just **£225** per person

**Tour includes:**  
4 Nights Half Board  
Nightly Entertainment  
All Excursions  
Pickup from Birmingham, Smethwick, West Bromwich, Dudley, Wolverhampton, Walsall

Your special coach departs **Tuesday 23rd July**

**01389 713713 www.lochs.com**  
Holidays are fully bonded. School Road, Gartocharn, G83 8RW

**JORDANS SOLICITORS**

Offices in Halesowen and Blackheath town centres  
• Competitive fees • No hidden costs • Personal Service  
Open Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings

Blackheath 0121 559 2922  
Halesowen 0121 585 3900  
Email: [mail@jordan-solicitors.co.uk](mailto:mail@jordan-solicitors.co.uk)



# Property

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO  
HOME BUYING AND LETTING

## Rare chance to acquire a home in prestigious area

## Three-bed near local amenities

**A DETACHED bungalow on a small private drive in one of Wolverhampton's most sought-after areas and close to Tettenhall's Upper Green is for sale with a price guide of £345,000.**

The property in Wood Road, Tettenhall, benefits from gas central heating with accommodation briefly comprising of fitted cloakroom, lounge with distinctive fireplace, separate sitting room, dining room, kitchen with adjoining laundry, three double bedrooms and bathroom with bath and separate shower cubicle.

The cloakroom has a wash hand basin and WC while the lounge measuring 17ft by 16ft 2in has an ornate moulded fireplace with marble slips and hearth and living flame gas fire.

The sitting room, 12ft 11in by 11ft 5in, has double doors to a dining room which is 16ft 6in by 10ft 4in and has patio doors to the garden while the kitchen - 11ft 5in by 9ft - has a range of wall and base units, work surfaces, inset one and a half bowl stainless steel sink, glass-fronted display cabinets, integrated oven and four ring hob with extractor canopy and plumbing for automatic dishwasher.

A laundry, 7ft by 5ft, has fitted cupboard and work surface with plumbing for automatic washing machine.

There are three bedrooms and a bathroom with panelled bath, separate shower cubicle, pedestal wash hand basin and WC.

Outside is a lawned garden to the front and side with a planted rockery, paved patio, shrub borders and screening walls, with double gates to a side driveway leading to a garage, workshop and store.

A side gate leads to a walled rear garden with extensive paved patio areas, shaped lawn, rockery and shrub beds.

Call Bartlams on 01902 759888.



This bungalow in Wood Road, Tettenhall, has a guide price of £345,000



This extend house is located in Cotwall End, Sedgley near Brownswall Road

AN extended and spacious three-bedroom detached house in Cotwall End, Sedgley, is on the market based on offers around £250,000.

The property is within a short walk of local amenities along Brownswall Road, with more available in Sedgley and Wombourne, as well as Wolverhampton, Dudley and Stourbridge. The accommodation briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge with walk-in bay window, living flame gas fire in marble surround and sliding doors to an extended sitting/dining room.

The kitchen has been extended to the rear which provides a separate dining area with

access to a cloak/shower room, while on the first floor are three bedrooms - all with built-in wardrobes - and a family bathroom.

The property is on a corner plot with gardens to the front, side and rear. Access to the front is through a pedestrian gate with block paved path to the front door, with the well stocked garden having a shaped lawn with shrub borders leading to a hard landscaped rear garden with ornamental pond with rockery, conservatory, timber summerhouse and garage with store/workshop.

Call estate agent Berriman Eaton on 01902 326366 for further details about this property.

## humberstones homes

0121 678 7788

www.humberstoneshomes.co.uk

## WANTED NEW LANDLORDS

Very competitive fees Offering

FREE - Photographic  
Inventory/condition report

FREE Gas Safety  
or  
FREE Rent Protection for 6 months\*

Call us on 0121 678 7788  
for a free Market Appraisal

\*Terms and Conditions Apply

contact us for more details managed properties only

### WOODBURY ROAD, HALESOWEN



Detached Home With Garage - No Chain  
Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Utility & DWG  
3 Good Sized Bedrooms & Bathroom  
Blockpaved Driveway Leading To Garage  
Lawned Garden To Rear, Private Aspect.  
UPVC DBG, GCH, Epc Rating E  
£169,950 Ref: D753

### WILLOWSBROOK ROAD, HALESOWEN



Extended 3 bed home - no upward chain  
27ft lounge diner & 19ft breakfast kitchen  
Utility room & 21ft garage  
Garden with SW aspect  
GCH & majority UPVC double glazing  
EPC rating: C  
£149,950 Ref: D1311

### WARWICK CLOSE, OLDBURY



New home with 3 good sized bedrooms  
Located in a cul-de-sac position  
23ft lounge diner and 10ft10 kitchen  
Downstairs wc & upstairs bathroom  
UPVC double glazing & gas central heating  
Gardens to front & rear. EPC rating: C  
£119,950 Ref: D1299

### AMBLESIDE, BARTLEY GREEN



Extended 3 bedroom and terraced home  
14ft breakfast kitchen & 19ft lounge diner  
Family bathroom with white suite  
Gardens to both front & rear & garage  
upvc double glazing & gas central heating  
EPC rating: D  
£119,950 Ref: D1303

### BIRCHLEY PARK AVENUE, OLDBURY



Modern home in cul-de-sac location  
15ft9 lounge & 12ft dining kitchen  
2 double bedrooms & bathroom  
Upvc double glazing & gas central heating  
Driveway to front giving off road parking  
Garden to rear. EPC rating: C  
£105,995 Ref: D1314

### BROADWAY COURT, OLDBURY



Ground floor flat with allocated parking  
Secure gated development, intercom entry  
19'8 open plan living accommodation  
Double bedroom with built in wardrobes  
Bathroom with white suite & shower  
Electric heating, UPVC DBG, epc rating c  
£99,950 Ref: D1308

### CHICHESTER DRIVE, QUINTON



Well proportioned 3 bed detached home  
Individual architect designed property  
16ft 5 kitchen/diner & family room  
Separate lounge & downstairs WC.  
3 generous sized bedrooms  
Luxury bathroom. Off road parking. EPC: C  
£175,000 Ref: D1293

### ABBAY ROAD, SMETTHWICK



3 bed semi with garage & parking  
Close to warley park & oldbury border  
Two reception rooms, kitchen  
Front & enclosed rear garden  
Benefitting DBG & gas central heating  
No upward chain. EPC rating: E  
£169,950 Ref: D1296

### RIDGACRE ROAD, QUINTON



Traditional semi-det home with driveway  
Lounge diner & fitted kitchen  
3 bedrooms & bathroom  
UPVC DG & GCH  
Driveway to front & garden to rear  
EPC rating E  
£134,950 Ref: D1280

### MERTON CLOSE, OLDBURY



Spacious 2/3 bed home in cul-de-sac  
Refitted breakfast kitchen & lounge diner  
Downstairs wc & 2nd floor family bathroom  
Driveway to front & private garden to rear  
UPVC DG & GCH  
EPC rating: D  
£112,950 Ref: D1287

### FRANKLEY AVENUE, HALESOWEN



Four bed extended home with garage  
Extended kitchen & UPVC conservatory  
20ft max lounge & separate dining room  
Master fitted bedroom with ensuite shower  
Three further bedrooms & family bathroom  
Block paved driveway & garage. EPC rating E  
£209,950 Ref: D1182

### ABBAY CRESCENT, OLDBURY



Semi-det home with 3 good size bedrooms  
15ft lounge, 14ft kitchen & downstairs wc  
No upward chain - vacant possession  
majority upvc DG & gas central heating  
Generous lawn rear garden  
Part paved frontage - EPC rating: C  
£137,500 Ref: D1295

Residential Sales & Lettings



Lettings **hickshadley.com** 0121 585 6688

**OPEN SUNDAYS! FRIENDLY SERVICE YOU CAN TRUST!**



#### HALESOWEN, Bromsgrove Road

Located in the desirable area of Romsley. This unfurnished semi detached house features gas central heating, modern and spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, loft space, front & rear gardens, garage, fantastic views, inspection strongly recommended. EPC: E

**£875 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, Whittingham Road

The best position for Newfield Primary School and Halesowen College. This large 3 bedroom semi-detached house features fitted kitchen with double oven and gas hob, utility room/storage area, huge lounge with patio doors to a nice sized rear garden, modern bathroom with 'j' shaped bath and shower, driveway parking and garage. EPC: F

**£650 PCM**



#### CRADLEY HEATH, Newland Gardens

Spacious well situated link-detached bungalow in cul de sac position. Large lounge, fitted kitchen opening into superbly proportioned hall with conservatory overlooking private rear garden. 2 double bedrooms, bathroom with shower, garage & driveway, gas central heating/double glazed. Available immediately. Unfurnished or furnished to suit. EPC: D

**£650 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, Sanderson Place

Luxury living in Hayley Green. This superb luxury 1st floor apartment offers spacious accommodation including open plan reception/kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, master with en-suite, a further well appointed bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking. EPC: B

**£600 PCM**



#### STOURBRIDGE, Wheeler Street

A traditional 3 bedroom mid terraced property in the highly sought after Old Quarter of Stourbridge. Featuring front reception room with original marble fireplace, rear reception room, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom with shower, 2 large double bedrooms and 1 large single. Lovely rear garden, gas central heating, double glazing. On road parking. Available 20/06/13. EPC: D

**£595 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, Mount Street

Centrally located to Halesowen. This wonderfully presented end terraced house features 2 good size reception rooms, open plan modern kitchen, 2 big double bedrooms, house bathroom with shower, medium sized rear garden and on road parking. EPC: E

**£550 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, The Infield

Stunning and modern apartment on a sought after new estate. This ground floor apartment features 2 bedrooms, large lounge with superb kitchen with appliances, bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, allocated parking. Available immediately. Not to be missed! EPC: C

**£550 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, Green Lane

An unfurnished end of terraced property close to all amenities featuring 3 double bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, new upstairs bathroom with shower, double glazing throughout, gas central heating, off-road secure parking space at rear of property. EPC: E

**£550 PCM**



#### CRADLEY HEATH, Timbertree Crescent

Located within easy reach of Timbertree School. This semi detached house has been fully refurbished to a high standard and features 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen diner, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, rear garden having outbuildings. On road parking. Available now. EPC: C

**£525 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, Colley Lane

Wonderfully presented and modern. A mid-terrace house on a popular road which is close to Colley Gate Primary School and local shops. Featuring 2 double bedrooms, large dining kitchen, modern lounge, house bathroom with shower, downstairs WC, tiered garden, on road parking. Available 7th June. Not to be missed! EPC: C

**£525 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, Willetts Drive

A few minutes walk from buses to Halesowen and Stourbridge. This wonderfully presented mid-terrace property features 2 double bedrooms, nicely decorated lounge, modern kitchen, house bathroom with shower, driveway parking, front and rear garden, gas central heating, double glazing. EPC: C

**£510 PCM**



#### TIPTON, Peartree Avenue

Cul-de-sac location. This deceptively large 3 bedroom terraced house has been fully redecorated. It features a spacious lounge, large modern fitted kitchen, house bathroom with shower, nice sized garden, driveway parking and is in a quiet cul-de-sac location. EPC: C

**£500 PCM**



#### CRADLEY HEATH, Court Street

A 2 bedroom traditional terraced property in the centre of old hill which features 2 double bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, 1 dining/study room, modern fitted kitchen and downstairs bathroom with shower and separate toilet. Gas central heating. Walking distance to rail/bus links. EPC: E

**£495 PCM**



#### STOURBRIDGE, Bagley Street

Deceptively large and within walking distance to Stourbridge town centre. This lovely semi-detached house features a great lounge, large dining kitchen with gas oven and hob, 2 double bedrooms, house bathroom with shower, nice sized rear garden, on road parking, double glazing, gas central heating. Available now. EPC: D

**£485 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, Client House

Stunning views from this top floor apartment. Located within walking distance to Halesowen, the apartment features 2 double bedrooms, a light and airy lounge, house bathroom with shower, fitted kitchen with a small fridge, warm air heating, double glazing. Available now. EPC: D

**£475 PCM**



#### DUDLEY, Anchor Drive

Modern and comfortable living. This 2nd floor apartment is set in a quiet location, with easy access to Dudley, Tipton, Wednesbury and the M5. The property features 2 double bedrooms, modern fitted kitchen with integrated electric oven and hob, white bathroom suite with shower, spacious lounge with patio doors opening to a Juliet balcony, electric heating, double glazing, allocated parking space. EPC: C

**£475 PCM**



#### ROWLEY REGIS, Aqua Court

This new build second floor apartment, a stones throw away from Blackheath town centre comprises: one double bedroom, open plan lounge/kitchen with fridge freezer and washer/dryer, house bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, Juliet balcony, allocated parking space. Viewing highly recommended. EPC: B

**£450 PCM**



#### LYE, High Street

Fully refurbished in the centre of Lye. This large and spacious 1st floor apartment has a lovely lounge with a feature bay window, 2 good sized bedrooms, new bathroom suite, built in shower, modern and contemporary kitchen with oven and hob, electric heating, double glazing, on road parking. Available now. EPC: F

**£450 PCM**



#### HALESOWEN, Hamilton Avenue

Located on the ever so popular estate of the Abbey Fields. This unfurnished first floor apartment features 1 double bedroom, modern kitchen, light and airy lounge, house bathroom with shower, own rear garden, garage. EPC: E

**£425 PCM**



#### NETHERTON, St Georges Road

Spacious and quiet. A totally refurbished 1st floor apartment featuring electric storage heating, living room, fitted kitchen with a fridge freezer, 1 double bedroom with fitted wardrobes, house bathroom with shower, rear garden, parking space. EPC: D

**£395 PCM**



#### NETHERTON, Baptist End Road

An unfurnished 1st floor flat comprising: living room, fitted kitchen, 1 double bedroom, bathroom with shower, electric storage heating, double glazing, parking space to rear, communal gardens. EPC: D

**£395 PCM**

## Property

# Solar panels mean heating comes free



The five-bedroom house which overlooks a paddock is on the market for offers based around £349,950

**ELECTRICITY and heating come free with this five-bedroom detached house in the village of Bobbington in South Staffordshire, which is on the market for offers around £349,950.**

With solar panels costing £9,000, the property qualifies for a handsome annual feed in tariff in addition to free electricity throughout the year including electric storage heating.

The village itself has a local pub/hotel, church and primary school with a number of golf courses and the

Halfpenny Green Vineyard with a craft centre and fishing pool nearby.

The accommodation briefly comprises of guest cloakroom, lounge to sitting/dining room area with patio doors to conservatory overlooking the rear garden and breakfast kitchen with a range of base, drawer and wall units, work surfaces and integral appliances including induction hob with extractor over, oven, microwave, fridge and dishwasher.

From the breakfast area patio doors open to the rear garden, while off the kitchen is a utility room with plumbing for automatic washing machine, sink and door to a double garage.

On the first floor the master bedroom has a range of fitted wardrobes and an en-suite shower room and there are four further bedrooms and a bathroom with corner bath, WC, wash hand basin, bidet and separate shower.

The house also benefits from uPVC double glazing, while outside is a large frontage with block paved driveway providing ample off road parking and small lawn, while the rear garden overlooking paddock land has a lawn, borders and large patio seating area.

Call Berriman Eaton on 01902 326366 for more details.



The master bedroom on the first floor has a range of fitted wardrobes and an en-suite shower room

## Traditional semi on the market



A TRADITIONAL semi in Finchfield in Wolverhampton is for sale for offers based on £210,000.

Features include spacious entrance hall, lounge with feature fireplace, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, lobby with WC and utility, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating, majority uPVC double glazed windows and attached garage.

There is also the possibility of extending the home to the side and rear subject to planning and building regulations.

The lounge, 12ft 3in by 12ft, has a feature fireplace with living flame gas fire and the dining room has a fireplace and a french window to the rear garden.

The kitchen has units space for cooker, and integrated dishwasher. On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom.

Contact Stevenon on 01902 753131 for more information.



WEBSITE:  
**www.hickshadley.com**



11 - 13 Hagley Road,  
Halesowen, B63 4PU





**Sales & Lettings**  
Halesowen 01216 964053  
Dudley 01384 849067

# DIXONS

Estate Agents

Doing**More...**

The Lenches, Shelsley Avenue



Awaiting  
EPC

£250,000

Modern detached house with accommodation comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen and WC, outside drive, garage and rear garden.

Goodrest Avenue, Halesowen



EPC F

£200,000

An extended traditional semi detached house comprising lounge, extended kitchen/breakfast room and three bedrooms.

Two Gates Lane, Halesowen



Awaiting  
EPC

Offers Over£140,000

Semi detached house with four bedrooms, garden and off road parking. Viewing is recommended.

Slater Close, Cradley Heath



EPC C

£139,995

Modern detached house comprising WC, lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, three bedrooms, en-suite to master bedroom and family bathroom.

Cherry Orchard Crescent, Halesowen



EPC D

£146,950

A three bedroom semi detached home with garden and garage.

Western Road, Cradley Heath



EPC D

Offers Over£100,000

Well presented three bedroom property offering porch, lounge, kitchen, utility, WC, conservatory, shower room, gated drive and rear garden.

New Pool Road, Cradley Heath



EPC D

£90,000

An end terraced property comprising porch, WC, lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

Sheepfold Close, Rowley Regis



EPC D

Offers Over£80,000

This modern mid terraced house has accommodation comprising lounge, two bedrooms, parking space and rear garden.

Ripley Grove, Dudley



EPC C

Offers Over£200,000

Detached four bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, front and rear gardens and detached garage.

Denbigh Close, Dudley



EPC D

Offers Over£130,000

Semi detached three bedroom property comprising lounge, dining area, kitchen, family bathroom, front and rear gardens.

Red Lion Close, Tividale



Awaiting  
EPC

Offers Over£120,000

Three bedroom semi detached property comprising, entrance hall, lounge, dining area, conservatory, kitchen, shower room, front and rear gardens.

Colsyll Gardens, Dudley



Awaiting  
EPC

Offers Over£120,000

Semi detached three bedroom property comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs WC, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

Sledmore Road, Dudley



EPC E

Offers Over£115,000

Detached three bedroom property comprising lounge, extended dining room, extended kitchen, upstairs shower room and rear garden.

Maple Road, Dudley



EPC C

Offers Over£110,000

Semi detached three bedroom property comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, rear garden and garage.

Denbigh Close, Dudley



EPC D

Offers Over£110,000

Semi detached two bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, modern kitchen/diner, bathroom, gardens and driveway.

Stourbridge Road, Dudley



EPC F

Offers Over£95,000

Terraced four bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs WC, family bathroom and rear garden.



# Motoring

Compiled by Motoring  
Editor Sharon Walters

## Citroen letting the sun shine in



The chic Citroën DS3 Cabrio comes in three versions



The limited roof down rear view is compensated by parking sensors



The fabric roof is peeled back in just 16 seconds at the push of a button

**READERS** of a certain age will remember how we once broke into a tin of sardines for supper; by rolling the thin metal lid off with a little key.

You had to guard against either cutting yourself on the edges of the lid as it rolled itself into a cylinder, or be prepared for spillage and smelling like a fish counter for the rest of the evening. I'm not suggesting the latest version of Citroën's chic DS3 owes anything to an oily

sardine, except that when you let the sunshine in, the new Cabrio unwinds its fabric roof in something approaching an unconscious tribute to the humble toast topper.

The push of an overhead button furls the roof (and pulls it back up) in 16 seconds and at speeds up to 75mph, so a sudden English summer shower needs hold no terrors of damp seats and ruined hair.

Better still, even with the roof folded right back, the heater was able to keep out the chill of a spring morning, with snow on the ground,

so long as you kept speeds down to a town-like pace. Which is what, I'd guess, most DS3 Cabrios will be doing for most of their life. The range, which stretches from £15,045 to the £19,675 of the test car, is likely to be bought mostly by urban ladies who also looked at the MINI Convertible or Fiat 500C before heading for France.

What an owner of the DS3 and Fiat soft-tops share is a car that's not really a full convertible, which takes all the roof away when you want the sun on max.

Both cars leave the roof sides intact when the roof vanishes; good for keeping rattles at bay but giving more the feel of a giant sunroof than the real thing.

Pleasant enough though to imagine lots of people going for this version of a car that's already Citroën's biggest seller in Britain.

At launch there are three versions of the Cabrio, adding a substantial £2,345 for the privilege of the folding roof (Fiat charges more – £3,000, precisely – to remove the roof from its 500). Most popular is expected to be the

midrange DStyle with 120 horsepower and a £17,425 price tag. An automatic version of this model (£18,525) should now be available and might be an ideal, clutchless, in-town companion.

Keeping some of the metal roof in place means less need for extra strengthening in a cabrio version, meaning only a modest 25kg weight penalty over the tin-top DS3, when rivals find themselves adding four times that to keep things nice and rigid.

**Your essential guide to the world of motoring**

# Save 20% **NEW I3 REG**

**New Vauxhall Corsa  
1.2 Limited Edition 3dr**

# £11495

List price  
£14650

**Save £3155**

- Delivery Mileage • Stunning White • 17" Black Alloy Wheels
- Air Conditioning • Front fog lights • Electric Front Windows
- CD Player and MP3 Format /Stereo Radio • Sports-style front seats
- Cruise control • Plus Lifetime 100,000 mile warranty

**Hurry - Limited stocks at  
this amazing price**



**LIFETIME**  
WARRANTY 100,000 MILE

Ask about our special  
low rate Finance and low  
monthly payment packages

**T Wall Garages**  
Kingswinford  
01384 672909

**Dudley Motor Company**  
West Midlands  
01384 454100

**Halesowen Motorhouse**  
West Midlands  
0121 462 2916

**Stourbridge Motorhouse**  
Stourbridge  
01384 672918



**Official Government Test Environmental Data.** Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO<sub>2</sub>. 1.2i 16v VVT (Manual5), Manual 5-speed: Urban 39.2 (7.2), Extra-urban 62.8 (4.5), Combined 51.4 (5.5). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 129g/km.

All offers subject to stock availability and terms & conditions. Licensed credit brokers, terms and conditions apply. Finance subject to age and status, guarantees and indemnities may be required. Vauxhall Lifetime Warranty covers lifetime ownership of first registered keeper. 100,000 mile limit. Terms and conditions apply. Visit [www.vauxhall.co.uk/warranty](http://www.vauxhall.co.uk/warranty). Images used for illustration purposes only.



## Motoring

# Korando SE offers luxury motoring at a great price

SSANGYong is adding a new low priced crossover model to its Korando range – the Korando SE.

"With a new and extremely affordable purchase price, a highly competitive PCP scheme on all models and a market leading 5 year limitless mileage warranty, there has never been a better time to purchase a Korando," said Paul Williams, CEO of SsangYong Motor UK.

Styled by Italian car designer Giugiaro of Ital Design, this new model in the Korando line-up is powered by an advanced and robust 2.0 litre four cylinder turbo diesel engine producing 360Nm of torque with CO2 emissions of 147g/km and developing maximum power of 149ps@4,000rpm, while also providing a full two tonne towing capability.

### Expensive

The SE features a level of equipment you would normally expect from much more expensive cars, including Electronic stability programme (ESP) with Hill Start Assist, Active Rollover Protection (ARP) and ABS with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution (EBD).

It also comes with a number of luxury touches including roof rails, tinted glass and rear parking sensors, while inside there are electric windows front and rear, a leather covered steering wheel and gear shift, air conditioning, cruise control and a Kenwood MP3 CD & RDS radio with iPod & Bluetooth, remote audio controls and six speakers.

"In the current economy, customers tell us they want an affordable car, a competitive purchase plan and the peace of mind of a long and 'quibble free' warranty – that's exactly what the new Korando delivers," says Steve Gray, marketing and



The new SsangYong Korando SE is priced at just £14,995

communications director of SsangYong. "The result is a car that is not only fantastic value at just £14,995, but also comes with a level of standard equipment many of the so called 'value brands' don't even have on their options list!

"SsangYong has an enviable reputation for building extremely well engineered vehicles, and this Korando is an honest, reliable and highly capable car."



Korando has a 5-year warranty

## Motor-Market

Best Value, Choice and Customer Service



Scan to view all stock!

### OVER 100 CARS IN STOCK

	12 Reg Seat Leon 1.6 TDI £12495 or £59 pw		58 Reg Polo £5495 or £33 pw		62 Reg Vauxhall Mokka £15995 or £76 pw
	58 Reg Honda Civic CDTi £6995 or £43 pw		09 Reg Toyota Aygo £6995 or £43 pw		06 Reg Mondeo TDCi £3495 or £21 pw
	60 Reg Ford Ka £5995 or £37 pw		07 Reg Astra £4295 or £26 pw		08 Reg Tigra 1.4 £6495 or £38 pw
	12 Reg Proton £6995 or £42 pw		58 Reg Seat Altea TDI £6295 or £37 pw		08 Reg Megane 1.5 DCi £4795 or £29pw
	06 Reg Clio £3995 or £24 pw		58 Reg 307 1.6 HDi £4495 or £27 pw		07 Reg Picasso C4 HDi £5995 or £37 pw
	57 Reg Ford Ka £3795 or £23 pw		55 Reg Astra Est £3495 or £21 pw		62 Reg Megane DCi £12495 or £59 pw

Finance Example - Cash Price £3995, Less Cash or Part Exchange Deposit £500 Amount Of Credit £3495, Total Amount Payable £5453.60 48 Monthly Payments of £103.20 or 208 weekly payments of £23.82

TYPICAL 19.9% APR



**www.motor-market.net**  
27 Newtown Lane Cradley Heath B64 5EB  
01384 411119



## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SPECIAL OPENING OFFERS ON PRODUCTION OF THIS ADVERT

### SELLING QUALITY, USED CARS AT COMPETITIVE PRICES

### NEWLY OPENED

**Hagley Road Motor Company**

www.hagleyroadmotorco.co.uk

	WAS	NOW
11 Reg Zafira Sri 1.8 7 Seater Grey, 28,000 miles	£10,495	£8,999
61 Reg Astra 1.6i VVT Exclusiv 5 dr Hatch, Blue, Alloys, 4k miles	£9,995	£9,495
60 Reg Corsa 1.4 Design 5 dr, Black Sapphire, 22k miles	£7,995	£7,795
10 Reg Fiesta Zetec S90 TDCi 3 dr Hatchback, White, 45,000 miles	£8,995	£8,995
09 Reg Kia Picanto Chill 1.1 5dr, Silver, 17,000 miles	£5,295	£5,295
57 Reg Citroen C1 1.0 Rhythm 3 dr, Yellow, 18k miles	£4,999	£4,995
59 Reg Yaris 1.3 VVTi TR 5 dr, Grey, 34k miles	£6,995	£6,995
09 Reg Mini Cooper 3dr, Diesel, Black, 75,446 miles	£7,995	£7,995
54 Reg Rover 75 1.8 Classic 4dr, Blue, 54,223 miles	£2,495	£2,495
56 Reg Audi TT Quattro 3.2 Coupe Red, 76k miles	£10,995	£10,995
57 Reg Zafira 1.8 5dr Design 7 seats Silver, 76,851 miles	£4,995	£4,995
58 Reg Honda Civic 2.2 SE i CDTi 5 dr, Blue, 29k miles	£9,295	£8,995
05 Reg Mazda 6 S 1.8 5dr, Blue, 79,400 miles	£2,995	£2,995
X Reg Ford Fiesta 1.25 Zetec 5dr, Red, 62,000 miles	£1,595	£1,595
10 Reg Audi A3 Technik MPI 1.6 3dr, Grey, 14,703 miles	£10,995	£10,995
09 Reg Fiat Panda 1.1 Active 5 dr, White, 18,000 miles	£4,495	£4,495
07 Reg Ford Focus 1.8 TCDi Sport 5dr, Ice Blue, 52,000 miles	£5,995	£5,995
09 Reg Suzuki Alto SZ2 1.0 5dr Hatch. Purple, 14k miles	£4,995	£4,995
59 Reg Corsa Design 1.2 5 dr Hatchback, Silver, 27k miles	£6,995	£6,495
58 Reg VW Passat Highline TDI 4 dr Saloon, Silver, 57k miles	£8,995	£8,995
60 Reg Toyota IQ VVT-1 Black, 20k miles	£6,995	£6,995
07 Reg Honda Jazz SE Auto 5 dr Hatch, 1.3, Silver, 21k miles	£7,250	£6,995
04 Reg Astra 1.8 Bertone Coupe 1.8 Silver, 65,909 miles	£3,191	£3,191
06 Reg Mondeo 1.8 LX Estate Black, 64,171 miles	£3,795	£3,795
10 Reg Megane 1.6 i-music 100 5dr, Blue, 23k miles	£7,791	£7,791
12 Reg Ford Focus Titanium 1.6 5dr, Moon dust Silver, 22,710 miles	£12,250	£12,250



08 reg Audi A4 Avant  
SE 170 TDI DP Estate  
Red 51k miles  
WAS £13,995  
NOW £12,995



06 reg Porsche Boxster  
Con 2.7  
Black 63k miles  
WAS £13,995  
NOW £12,995



56 reg Mercedes  
A Class A150  
Silver, 62,000 miles  
NOW £5991



08 Reg Zafira 1.9  
CDTi Club 7 seats  
Silver, 45,000 miles  
NOW £6,995



60 Reg Corsa Limited  
Edition 1.3 CDTi  
White, 3dr, 40,450 miles  
NOW £8991



06 Reg Mitsubishi  
Lancer Equippe 1.6 Auto  
Silver, 26,500 miles  
NOW £3,495



06 Reg Toyota Yaris 1.3  
T Spirit 3 dr, Blue,  
53k miles  
WAS £4,995  
NOW £4,295



10 Reg Fiat 500 1.2  
Popular 3-dr. Grey,  
15k miles  
WAS £8,295  
NOW £7,850

All vehicles come with MOT, Service & 12 months warranty

68 Hagley Road West, Birmingham, B67 5EZ

**Tel: 0121 434 6400**

Hagley Road  
Motor Company  
www.hagleyroadmotorco.co.uk  
Email: sales@hagleyroadmotorco.co.uk

PART OF SEVEN  
GARAGES  
WELL ESTABLISHED –  
TRADING SINCE 1953



# Motoring



Smart at the rear – the V40 has a clever false boot which can be flipped



The Volvo V40 cross country 3 very elegant in Raw Copper

## Volvo V40 versatile and value for money

Let's be honest with ourselves here; do we like the idea of 4x4s because we frequently get stuck crossing fields?

Or is it because they look a bit tougher, give a more commanding view of the road and are a bit more interesting than a standard hatchback?

You can answer that one for yourself but the reality for many people is that four-wheel drive is like a diver's watch; useful and practical but rarely extended to the limit of its abilities.

But they are hugely popular whether they are full-on mud pluggers or just look like them, which explains why Volvo has introduced a Cross Country version of its V40 hatchback.

There's a little clarification required here too; XC in Volvo-speak means SUV, such as the XC60 and XC90. But this isn't an XC, it's a Cross Country, so the majority of the range is only available in two-wheel drive.

That might sound like an odd decision, but the prospective V40 Cross Country customer will be more interested to hear about how it has improved cabin storage compared to the standard car, right down to a slot for the ice scraper with a drainage channel in the front door pockets – very clever.

### Storage

In fact, the V40 is packed with this sort of thing, with the option of a folding front passenger seat, a storage pack for the boot with rails and dividers, and a clever false boot floor that can be flipped, removed or folded together.

It's the kind of attention to detail that Volvo is well known for, and makes a car like this so much easier to live with.

The most obvious changes are outside however, where the Cross Country wears all the trappings of an off-road machine.

There are chunkier bumpers, substantial scuff plates, smart roof rails finished in silver and a choice of alloy wheels including handsome 19-inchers.

The Cross Country also comes in a unique colour dubbed Raw Copper – it looks a lot nicer than it sounds.

Add to that the ride height raised by 40mm and arguably you have a car that makes the standard V40 look a little plain – unless you go for the R-Design version, of course – which is no coincidence.

Unlike the rest of the range, the top T5 model comes with four-wheel drive as standard, and all the better for it; the T5 designation means there is a turbocharged five-cylinder engine under the bonnet pumping out 254 horse-

power and 295lb.ft of torque.

Taken to the wheels through a six-speed automatic transmission, the Cross Country T5 has the numbers to make it something of a performance car; 0-62mph is despatched in under seven seconds and the top speed is only a fraction short of 150mph. It feels that fast on the move too.

And the four-wheel drive system is clever and highly effective; some time spent driving the Cross Country on a frozen lake in Sweden revealed that it is secure and reassuring with Volvo's DTSC system switched on, and surprisingly playful and fun with it turned off.

The modest flurries of snow and cold weather in the UK wouldn't trouble it in the slightest.

The seats are superb (with the option of contrasting trim, which looks pretty smart), the driving position is excellent and, of course, a fraction higher thanks to the increase in ride height, and the dashboard is both visually attractive and easy to use.

### Standard

The standard V40 is far from impractical but the added features on the Cross Country version are still welcome.

It sounds much too like an advertising slogan but it gives a strong impression of being equipped for life, with plenty of thought given to the layout and how it can best suit a multitude of users and situations.

In fact, there are only two quibbles with the V40 Cross Country. Firstly is the price, with this T5 version checking in at almost £34,000, but then that is to be expected of a range-topper.

The second is the four-wheel drive; go for a cheaper version with a more economical diesel and you lose the traction of two driven wheels.

However, if there's sufficient interest, the decision may be reversed, and you also have to honestly ask whether you really need four-wheel drive at all.

By Matt Joy



www.brindleykia.co.uk

## Kia now open at Tipton with fantastic opening offers

**THE NEW PICANTO**  
FROM ONLY **£7,795** **SAVE UP TO £1,250**



**KIA SPORTAGE**  
FROM ONLY **£16,499** **SAVE £806**



- GREAT SELECTION of approved used cars with 7 year warranty and low rate finance.
- Used cars wanted (up to 5 years old).

### SERVICE AND PARTS

- Kia trained staff.
- Collection and delivery service.
- Competitive prices with no hidden costs.

- Courtesy loan cars usually available.
- Collection and delivery from your home or workplace.
- While-u-wait appointments.
- MOT testing to all makes and models.
- FREE vehicle health check report with every service.
- FREE wash and vac.
- Large parts availability.

> Low\_rate\_finance\_available

## Brindley Kia

85 New Road, Tipton DY4 7BX

55 Penn Road (A449), Wolverhampton WV2 4WW



The Power to Surprise

T. 08444 701532

T. 08430 221085

Fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the Kia Sportage range are: Urban 26.6 (10.6) – 47.1 (6.0), Extra Urban 41.5 (6.8) – 58.9 (4.8), Combined 34.4 (8.2) – 54.3 (5.2). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are 195 – 135 g/km; for the Kia Picanto 3-dr range are: Urban 39.2 (7.2) – 52.3 (5.4), Extra Urban 60.1 (4.7) – 78.5 (3.6), Combined 50.4 (5.6) – 67.3 (4.2). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are 130 – 99 g/km. 7 year/100,000 mile manufacturer's warranty. For terms and exclusions visit [kia.co.uk](http://kia.co.uk) or call us. Price correct at time of going to press and specification is subject to change without notice. Subject to availability on vehicles registered before 30 June 2013. Offers not available in conjunction with any other offer. Part of the Brindley Garages Group – keeping the West Midlands motoring since 1931. **CALLS CHARGED AT LOCAL RATE.**

## Bumper to bumper

**VOLVO V40 CROSS COUNTRY T5, £33,875**

**Engine:** 2.5-litre petrol unit producing 250bhp and 295lb.ft of torque

**Transmission:** Six-speed automatic gearbox driving all four wheels

**Performance:** Top speed 146mph, 0-62mph in 6.4 seconds

**Economy:** 34mpg combined  
**Emissions:** 194g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>



# Your Local Motor Services & Accessory Specialists



## Re-Upholstery

**AUTORETRIM.CO.UK**

We repair or re-cover your damaged seats...

From rips to holes to damaged leather we can fix it...

**NO JOB TO SMALL**

We offer an extensive Re-upholstery service of Cars, Motorbikes and Boats seats etc and a full Repair and Restoration Service

For more information give Dave a call on

**07950 734204**

for a no obligation FREE quote or visit

**www.autoretrim.co.uk**

## M.O.T Tests

**M.O.T TESTS  
CARRIED OUT  
£40**

SERVICING, REPAIRS ON MOST MAKES

COMPETITIVE PRICES  
PROTON AND PERODUA  
MAIN DEALERS

**TRINITY MOTORS**  
EST 1986  
High Street, Smethwick, B66 3AJ  
**0121 558 3002**  
Email: trinitymotors@tiscali.co.uk



## Summer Deals

**THE BEST  
Summer**

DEALS ON: TYRES • 4W ALIGN • BRAKES • EXHAUSTS • BATTERIES  
MOT • SERVICING • DIAGNOSTICS

**CHEMIX  
Autocentres**

HALESOWEN - DUDLEY ROAD - B62 8EB  
**CALL FREE 0800 221 8737**  
WWW.CHEMIX-AUTOCENTRES.CO.UK

MY DAD SAYS  
"CHECK OUT  
OUR WEBSITE  
FOR MONEY OFF  
VOUCHERS  
AND LOYALTY  
REWARDS"



## Full Resprays

### D.S.I. MOTOR REPAIRS LTD

Low Bake Oven Facilities  
Full Resprays  
Bodywork  
Self Prep



Unit 5,  
New Street,  
Wednesbury,  
West Midlands  
WS10 0AA

**Mob: 07958 590425**

**Tel: 0121 556 4500**

**Fax: 0121 556 4500**

## Renault Specialists

**SJ Autos**

Renault Specialists  
Diagnostics



• Services **01384 440892**  
• Repairs **07729551751**  
• Cambelts 123 High Street  
• Clutches Amblecote DY8 4DA

## Air Con Top-ups



**AIR-CON  
TOP-UPS  
FOR ALL CARS**

**£24.99 +VAT**

**FREE DRIVE-IN  
AC CHECK**

Unit 3 Imex Auto Centre  
Dudley Port Rd, Tipton DY4 7RQ  
**0121-557-6077**

## Garage Servicing

**PROVIDENCE  
STREET GARAGE LIMITED**



Full & Interim Services  
Mot's Brakes/Clutches  
Timing Belt Replacements  
Electronic Diagnostics  
All Makes & Models  
Competitive Rates

**Tel/Fax 01394 54439**

**Mobile: 07770 302802**

Unit 8 Hingley Trading Estate  
Providence Street, Cradley Heath B64 5DT

## Wedding Cars

**White Wedding Cars**  
Est. 1972

**A PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE**

Rolls Royce, Jaguars and  
Mercedes available  
Transport for guests  
also catered for

**01384 294823**

**01384 484696**

**07831 198222**

## Diagnostics

**TIPTON  
auto centre**

**MOT £30**

• Repairs • Servicing  
• Exhausts • Batteries  
• Diagnostics • Clutches  
• Cambelts • All makes & models

Unit 8, Hight Street  
Tipton DY4 8HH

**0121 520 4030**

## Mechanical Work

**Stamermill  
Motors Ltd**

**MOT'S, repairs and servicing**

**All usual mechanical work**

*Friendly  
with great  
reputation  
in area*



Timmins Road, Lye DY9 7BQ  
**01384 422569**

## Motor Engineers

**Autotechnik  
motor engineers**

• Fixed Price Servicing • Fault Lights Reset  
• Repairs • Used Car Warranty Repairs  
• Air Conditioning • FREE Loan Cars available

**0121-561-5781**

Powke Lane, Rowley Regis, B65 0AH

**www.autotechnikltd.co.uk**



## Motor Body Work

**Why Pay Main Dealer Prices?**

**Crossways Motor Bodies**

• Motor Body Work Specialists  
• Insurance Approved  
• From a minor bump to major repairs  
• FREE local pick up and delivery  
• FREE estimates and written quotes

For a FREE estimate call:  
**0121 559 4040**

We also supply a car and van to none fault or insurance claims

Web: [www.crosswaysmotorbodies.co.uk](http://www.crosswaysmotorbodies.co.uk)

Station Road, Old Hill, Cradley Heath, B64 6PL





# Local Specialists



## AERIALS

**LUKE KINGS AERIALS**  
HALESOWEN 0121 445 1382  
FREEPHONE 0800 211 8053  
LUKES MOBILE 07864 590543

**£20 OFF**  
New Aerial System  
**£10 OFF**  
OAP DISCOUNT  
**YOUR LOCAL AERIAL MAN**  
NEW AERIALS From £49  
REPAIRS & TUNING From £29  
AERIALS REMOVED • FREE SAT • FREEVIEW  
FREE HELP & ADVICE OPEN 7 DAYS



## BLINDS & CURTAINS

**6 VERTICAL BLINDS  
FOR ONLY £199**

• Widest choice of fabrics • Fast local service  
• Fully guaranteed • Call now for a free  
• All blinds made to measure • no obligation quote  
• Free fitting

**GLOBAL BLINDS**  
VERTICAL, ROLLER & VENETIAN  
Superb Quality - Genuine Offers  
FOR FRIENDLY ADVICE & SERVICE  
TELEPHONE 9am - 9pm 7 days a week  
**CALL NOW 0845 505 1122**

## Blinds4Less

**Top quality blinds  
at budget prices**

"We will beat any like for like quote"  
Local company, full range of blinds

**Call**  
01902 500204 / 01384 886162 or 07966 502518  
[www.blinds4lessdirect.com](http://www.blinds4lessdirect.com)

## BUILDERS

### All Trades of Halesowen

#### PROPERTY REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

• Roofing • Fencing • Plumbing  
• Electrical • Brickwork  
• UPVC • Guttering • Fascias  
• Gardening • Decorating • Plastering • Skylights

**FREE 24hr Callout**  
Established since 1984  
**20% Discount for OAP's**  
**0121 602 5601**  
**0759 007 6739**

### D H Household Maintenance

Decking to DIY  
Plastering to Plumbing  
All areas covered  
**0121 422 8594**  
**07985 548466**

### PJ LEE BUILDERS

• All Building Work Undertaken  
• Extensions  
• All Roofing Work  
• UPVC Fascias & Windows

**FREE QUOTES**  
**07769 667248 01384 423625**

## CARPENTRY

### SM CARPENTRY & BUILDING

• Extensions/Canopy's  
• loft conversions  
• Bathroom and Kitchen Refurbs  
• Fitted Bedrooms/Home Offices  
• All Types Of Plasterings  
• General Carpentry

**CALL: 0121 601 7727 • 07879 681591**

## COMPUTERS

### NEED ADVICE ON COMPUTING?

• All PC Problems Resolved • Software & Hardware Installed  
• Virus & Spyware Removed • PC Health Checks  
• Home Network Implemented • Internet Connections Installed

**DON'T BE FOOLED INTO THINKING YOU NEED A NEW PC**  
Call: **0121 422 7646** or: **07970 846 552**  
**JUDRAP PC SUPPORT**  
email: [support@judrap.com](mailto:support@judrap.com) [www.judrap.com](http://www.judrap.com)

## DECORATING

**MJD Painter & Decorator**  
[michaeljdowning@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:michaeljdowning@hotmail.co.uk)

Special discounts for OAP's  
Free Quotes

No job too small give Mick a Call  
Tel: 07889923896

**A.S.**  
Painter & Decorator  
Interior & Exterior  
**FREE ESTIMATES**  
Cleanliness Assured  
Call: **01384 560644**  
**07730 477564**

**HALESOWEN DECORATORS**  
Painters & Decorators  
**OAP DISCOUNT AVAILABLE**  
10% OFF with this advert  
Residential and Commercial work undertaken  
**CALL 07860 206713 / 0121 550 5784**

## ELECTRICIANS

**ELECTRICIAN**  
Fully guaranteed work  
Honest reliable service

**ANT ELECTRIC**  
Ring Tony or Julie on  
**0121 422 3549**  
**07974 428 603**  
"No Job Too Small"

**MULLARD ELECTRICAL SERVICES**  
ALL TYPES OF DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL WORK  
UNDERTAKEN & FINISHED TO THE HIGHEST STANDARD  
Call Dan on: **01384 263357**  
or **07866 886364**

## DOMESTIC INSTALLATIONS

**Bow's Universal Domestic Installs**  
COOKER INSTALLS  
ELEGANT

Gas, Electric and LPG  
Built-in Ovens and Hobs  
Range Cookers and Hobs

Washers, Dishwashers,  
Televisions, Wallmounts  
also installed

**01562 741179**  
**07973 534527**  
**07932 723061**  
[www.bowsuniversaldomesticinstalls.com](http://www.bowsuniversaldomesticinstalls.com)

## DOUBLE GLAZING

**Misted Sealed Units?**  
Contact us for a free quote!

Tel **01384 566100**

Email: [quotations@blackcountryglazing.com](mailto:quotations@blackcountryglazing.com)

BLACK COUNTRY GLAZING Est 1987

## DOUBLE GLAZING

### ROOFING SERVICES

• Gutters Cleaned From £15  
• Small Repairs From £15  
• Pointing Work From £15

**SPECIAL OFFERS**  
on all UPVC Fascias, Gutters,  
New Roofs/Slate Tile & Felt and  
Garage Roofs

• Insurance work undertaken  
• Est 25 years  
• Discounted for OAPs  
• Exterior Painting



**Home: 01384 872276**  
**Mobile: 07584 081228**

## ELECTRICIANS

### DJB Electrical Contractors Ltd

We are NIC EIC approved electrical company and also TRUST MARK and PART P registered.  
All our electricians are CRB checked.  
24 hour 7 days a week call outs  
We cover Domestic, Commercial, Industrial

- Landlord reports / testing and certification
- Rewires • Fuse board up grades
- Energy efficient led lighting for your home and business
- Internal / external lighting • Shower replacements
- Additional sockets • Intruder / CCTV systems
- Check out our great reviews on checkatrade.com

**T: 0121 647 7087 T: 01384 881017**  
**M: 0790 090 3000**  
E: [Darren@djbelectricalcontractors.co.uk](mailto:Darren@djbelectricalcontractors.co.uk)

**CW Electrical**  
Kingswinford Limited  
Domestic Industrial Commercial

Fault Finding & Condition Reports  
Rewires/Part Rewires  
Additional Sockets  
Shower Replacements  
Intruder Alarms  
Security Lights  
Storage Heaters  
Electric Cooker Repairs  
Visit our website for more services

**Over 16 Years Experience**  
**01384 278471**  
INSTALLATIONS 7 DAYS A WEEK

**A M ELECTRICAL SERVICES**  
Domestic, Commercial, Industrial  
Full And Part Rewires / Fuse Boards  
Upgrades / Shower / Extra Sockets  
PAT Testing / Safety Reports  
CCTV / Burglar Alarms

Free Quotes And Advice Call  
**0121 369 2370**  
**07785 781652**

**MB electric**  
All domestic and commercial electrical works undertaken  
Home rewiring from £800  
For a high quality local service call:  
**0121 3690311**  
**07939 503905**  
[mbelectric.co.uk](http://mbelectric.co.uk)

## KITCHENS

### Wednesbury Kitchens

• Kitchen and Bathroom Installation  
• Building Works  
• Extensions • Plastering  
• Tiling • Carpentry  
• Painting and Decorating  
• Plumbing and Electrical Works

**45 Lower High Street, Wednesbury**  
**0121 505 3334**

## IRONING SERVICES

### BOARD STIFF.. OF IRONING

Pick up / Drop Off - Same Day

**CALL STEPHANIE**

Washing Services Available

**20% DISCOUNT WITH THIS ADVERT**

0121 602 5601 / 07897 370 737

[stephanie.citr@googlemail.com](mailto:stephanie.citr@googlemail.com)

**COMPETITIVE RATES**

## FENCING

### Fencing & Gates

**All Garden Work Undertaken**  
• Slabbing • Block Paving • Tree Felling  
• Turfing • Garden Clearance  
**NO JOB TOO SMALL**  
Manufacturers of all Concrete Products  
eg. Concrete Posts, Gravel Boards  
All work guaranteed Insurance work undertaken  
Over 15 years experience (Public liability covered)

**Call Steve on**  
**01384 242891 or 07970 300586**

**Grange FENCING & LANDSCAPING**  
Every aspect in landscaping

- Patios • Brickwalls • Fencing • Turfing
- Block Paving • Shed Bases • Edgings
- Specialists in Decking

For great ideas call for a **FREE** quote anytime,  
7 days a week. Est. Since 1978  
**Call: 01384 824089 / 07889 817996**

**LBT Fencing**  
All types of quality fencing supplied & erected  
Plus decking, slabbing & block paving  
**FREE QUOTES**  
Tel: 0121 585 9992 or 07884 344616  
[www.lbt fencing.co.uk](http://www.lbt fencing.co.uk)

## GARDENING

### ROWAN TREE & GARDEN SERVICES

"Tree Surgeon Specialist" Stump Grinding/Root Removal  
"Hedges Pruned/Shaped" "Jungles Cleared/Full Landscapes"  
"Fencing" "Turfing" "Concreting" "Driveways & Patios"  
"Plus Much More Call Now For a No Obligation Quotation"  
**24/7 365 emergency callout service**  
**01384 213644 or 07733 226568**

Age concern & Local Authority Contractor  
N.P.T.C. qualified, Public Liability Insurance (£5 million)  
All staff C.R.B. Certified

**GREEN LEAVES GARDENS SERVICES**  
Shed bases • Lawn Mowing  
• Tree Felling • General Garden Maintenance  
• Strimming • Fencing • Fence Painting

**SPECIAL RATES FOR O.A.P'S**  
For a free quote  
call **0770 3381 241 • 0121 602 0157**

### The Grass Guru

Grass Cutting & Garden Services

Call Scott now for a free quote

**07927 880283**

**0121 4232692**

See if we can beat your current grass cutting price  
25% discount on first cuts

**Dal's Gardening & Tree Services**  
• A Good reliable service,  
• A Name you can trust  
• All areas covered  
So don't delay phone today for a free quotation  
**07407 622855 07975 836190**

**Garden Transformations**  
From total makeovers and clearances to decking and fencing  
Guaranteed lowest prices  
**0121 422 8594 or 07985 548466**

**To advertise your business and reach over 50,000 potential customers....**

**1**

Call us on...  
**01384 353227**

**2**

E-mail us at...  
[r.cooper@expressandstar.co.uk](mailto:r.cooper@expressandstar.co.uk)

**3**

Post to...  
Ryan Cooper, Halesowen Chronicle, Black Lake Regional Centre, West Bromwich. B70 0QB



# Local Specialists

## HANDYMAN

### Midlands Handyman for Home Improvements

e.g. Flat pack furniture • curtain and blind hanging  
• hanging doors • fitting sheds • changing locks  
• painting & decorating • putting up shelves  
• laying of ceramic / laminate floors • all at competitive prices

**NO JOB TOO SMALL**  
Call Simon for a FREE Quote

**0121 679 8968 / 07988 263578**

## GARDENING

### J P GARDEN SERVICES

• GRASS CUTTING  
• HEDGES TRIMMED OR REMOVED  
• JET WASHING & ODD JOBS  
GOOD RATES, FREE QUOTES  
CALL PHIL: 0796 830 8750

### R & S Gardens

• All garden work undertaken  
• Hedges and lawns cut  
• General tidy and rubbish removed  
• Garden Landscaping  
Telephone: 07851 323303

## LANDSCAPERS

### CARDINAL LANDSCAPES

West Midlands Specialists in Patios, Driveways, Paths, Fencing, Turfing, Decking and Landscaping

Call now for a FREE QUOTE  
01902 562600 or 07539 887144

## INTERIORS

**Elegant Stairs**  
Quality Stairparts supplied & fitted by mature craftsman

For this and other carpentry work phone Bill for a Free Estimate/Quote on  
**0121 533 9339**  
or **07505 807686**

## MOTURING

### FORD SPARES & REPAIRS

Independent dealer of new and used Ford parts  
SAVE £'S AGAINST DEALER PRICES  
All repair work & MOT failures  
Tel: 0121-559-7625  
Mob: 07785 724167  
Unit 9, Powke Lane Industrial Estate  
Powke Lane, Rowley Regis B65 0AH

**MOT**  
**£27.99**  
with this advert  
**FREE RE-TEST**

Green Garage, Unit 2a Station Road,  
(rear of Gold Cue Snooker Club), Blackheath, B65 0LJ

**0121 559 6001**



## OVEN CLEANING

For a friendly local independent oven cleaning service

### CLEANOVEN

We clean all types of domestic ovens, cookers, traditional stoves, hobs, extractors and microwaves

Call us for a FREE quote

**Tel: 0121 7793288**  
Mobile Anytime: 07713 163060

## PLUMBING & HEATING

### Gas Heating Services

Office 52A, Summer Hill, Halesowen  
(opposite Wilkinson)

• Central Heating • Gas Fitting  
• Plumbing  
• Gas Appliance Servicing  
• Boiler Maintenance & Repairs  
• Specialists in Combination Boilers  
• Fully Trained Engineers  
• Family Run Business

**FREE QUOTES**

Call us today for fast, friendly advice  
Office: 0121 503 0066 Mobile: 07584 070 475  
[www.gassafe1.com](http://www.gassafe1.com)

**KPB** Gas, Heating & Plumbing  
Accredited Installer  
208822

- FULL CENTRAL HEATING INSTALLATIONS
- BOILER CHANGES AND CONVERSIONS
- COOKERS AND FIRES FITTED
- 3D DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF BATHROOMS
- LANDLORD SAFETY CHECKS
- WORCESTER BOSCH ACCREDITED INSTALLER

Call 0121 602 1690 • 07967 138579

### R.S PLUMBING AND HEATING

All General Plumbing Undertaken  
• Bathrooms Suites  
• Radiators / Tanks / Pumps Fitted  
• Outside Taps Fitted  
• Leaks Repaired  
• PipeWork Alterations • Local Friendly Service  
Call Richard: 07902 557 496

**HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING**  
(General Plumbing and Bathrooms)  
All installations and repairs  
Supply and fit or fit only  
TIDY, MODERN APPROACH. REGISTERED PLUMBER  
No job too small. Friendly service. Free advice and quotes  
Tel: Neil 07968 786449 - 0121-601 6767  
[www.household-plumbing.co.uk](http://www.household-plumbing.co.uk)

**P&D**  
Plumbing Services  
• Specialist in small plumbing repairs  
• Tap repairs • Overflows • Tanks  
• Burst pipes • No Flashes  
General plumbing repairs and guttering  
NO CALL OUT CHARGE  
Over 35 years' experience  
For a friendly, reliable service  
Call Paul on 07751 669066

**KEN PERRY**  
PLUMBING & HEATING ENGINEER  
Gas Fitting, Boiler Servicing and Immersion Heaters, Multi Point Water Heaters, Landlord's Gas Certificates, Boilers changed  
Guild of Master Craftsmen Gas Safe Registered  
STOURBRIDGE 392284

## PLASTERING

### AB PLASTERING

All types of plastering work undertaken

OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE  
FREE quotes & friendly advice

Call us on 01384 622466  
or 07971 569648

## PAVING

DRIVES • PATHS • PATIOS • COBBLES

### FINE-LINE PAVING

(MIDLANDS LTD)  
Contact Andy or Graham now, for a Free, No Obligation Quote

All Work Guaranteed  
(01384) 869605  
07754 676336 / 07950 659668

Visit our website [www.fine-linepaving.co.uk](http://www.fine-linepaving.co.uk)

### DISCOUNT DRIVEWAYS

Block Paving and Tarmac  
Drives • Paths • Patios  
Stabbing • Red Tarmac  
Car Parks

5 Year Guarantee On All Work

Free Quotations and Advice  
Tel: 01384 79900 • 07583 170190  
[www.discountdriveways.co.uk](http://www.discountdriveways.co.uk)

## PLUMBING & HEATING

**Knight Gas**  
Heating & Plumbing  
Specialists in  
Central Heating/Boilers  
Fires and Cookers  
Installation and Repair  
All Plumbing Work  
Landlords certificate  
FREE QUOTES  
Call Gary on  
0121 550 3424 or  
07715 082113

### SUPERWARM HEATING

Specialists in replacing  
Boilers, Power Flushing Systems,  
Landlord Certificate's, Worcester  
Bosch & Vaillant accredited Installer  
30+ YEARS EXPERIENCE  
Ex British Gas  
Call Eddie  
07976 755441  
0121 544 8427

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

**K S SERVICES**  
All types of General Repairs to your home and garden  
Also interior and exterior decorating  
Local Friendly Service  
0121 532 4861  
No Job Too Small

## ROOFING

### Services

Fast and friendly service from a family run business, with over 10 years' experience

**SPECIALISTS IN TILE, SLATE,**  
fibreglass flat roofing, flat felt roofing, uPVC, fascias, soffits and guttering, lead work, pointing and storm damage

no job too big or too small  
For a free quote call  
**0121 421 1649 or 07841 046 126**  
Kent Road, Halesowen, B62 8PD

### R HICKMAN ROOFING LTD

28 years experience  
**ALL TYPES OF ROOFING AND MAINTENANCE**  
FREE Quotes  
• General work undertaken  
• All areas covered  
• Fascias, Soffits & Gutters

**Call: 07970 818147**

### ROOFING SOLUTIONS

(Roofing Limited)  
All Aspects of Roofing  
• Flat Roofing Systems • Slating • Tiling  
• Chimneys • uPVC Fascias & Soffits • Guttering  
• Industrial & Domestic • Full Liability Insured  
• All work guaranteed • Free Quotes  
Ron Drysdale:  
07973 302 580 Daytime  
0121 550 0437 Evening

## Roofing Contractors

Est 30 Years  
Special Offer High performance flat roofing  
25 year Guarantee  
Fibre Glass Roofing, Re-Roofing, Slating UPVC Fascias,  
Gutters cleared £15 Repairs £15  
Prevent Damp in Lofts, Vents fitted £50  
Free Estimates  
TEL: 01384-566752 / 07773-001859

## TILING

### I.C.A. TILING SERVICES

Walls, floors, bathrooms, kitchens and conservatories.  
Ceramic, porcelain, mosaics, slate, marble and all natural stone.  
FULL BATHROOM INSTALLATION AVAILABLE  
Quality workmanship at competitive prices.  
Fully insured. Portfolio available.  
For a free quote call Ian on  
01384 412796 or 07890 894631

## SKIP HIRE

### SKIP HIRE IN HALESOWEN

Minis - Midis  
The best in the West  
**0121 561 5493**  
**07956 664002**

## UPHOLSTERY

### JC RE-UPHOLSTERY SERVICES

Specialists in  
Re-upholstery, Repairs and Antiques  
CONTRACT & DOMESTIC  
No Job Too Small  
FREE ESTIMATES  
Choice of patterns  
Quality Workmanship  
• Blackheath  
0121 561 3977 daytime  
or 0121 561 2344 evenings after 6 pm

## ROOFING

### ALL WEATHER ROOFING

Slating, Tiling, New Roofs, Flat Roofs, Chimneys,  
Guttering, Ridges, Flashings, uPVC Fascia Cladding  
FREE ESTIMATES • FAST RELIABLE SERVICE  
Over 30 years experience  
© 0121 420 1582  
NO CALL OUT CHARGE  
Mobile Number: 07947 839451

## TREE SURGEON

**The Tree Company**  
Halesowen's local Professional Tree Surgeon  
Tree care & ground maintenance  
Est 1987 Fully insured  
Call Richard for a free quote  
Tel 0121 550 8547 Mob 07752 436 902  
[www.thetreecohallesowen.co.uk](http://www.thetreecohallesowen.co.uk)

To advertise your business and reach over 50,000 potential customers....

**1**

Call us on...  
**01384 353227**

**2**

E-mail us at...  
[r.cooper@expressandstar.co.uk](mailto:r.cooper@expressandstar.co.uk)

**3**

Post to...  
Ryan Cooper, Halesowen Chronicle, Black Lake  
Regional Centre, West Bromwich. B70 0QB



# Classified Ads

Buy Local, Sell Local

## Index

- 1 Family
- 2 Leisure Time
- 3 Home & Services
- 4 Pets & Animals
- 5 Farming
- 6 Business
- 7 Property
- 8 Jobs
- 9 Motoring
- 10 Local Information
- 11 Personals

## Free Ads

# IT'S FREE IT'S EASY VISIT:

For items up to £250

[www.expressandstar.com/bookanad](http://www.expressandstar.com/bookanad)

Simply press the free ad icon.  
Sorry, no pets, guns or livestock.  
Private advertisers only.

## Place an advert

**By Phone**  
**01902 317878**  
8.30am - 6pm Mon - Fri. Closed Sat/Sun.

**Online**  
[www.expressandstar.com/bookanad](http://www.expressandstar.com/bookanad)

**In person**  
At your local Express & Star Office.  
Cancel/amend, call before 4.00pm  
Monday - Friday for the next day's  
advertisement or also before 4pm  
Friday for Monday's advertisement.

### Lost & Found



**BLUE PERSIAN CAT**  
Went missing on May 19 from the Huntlands Estate, in Halesowen. Oly is old and needs special food. Please call if you see him, we need him home.  
0121 550 0604

**LOST**—African grey parrot, Sedgley area, Sunday afternoon, answers to Alfie. Reward if found. 07538 220702.

## 1 Family

### baby needs

**MAMAS & PAPAS** cot bed, shelf, wardrobe, changing station, blanket box, bedding, bed guard. £400, free delivery. 01902 725053.

**FOOT ABLE** - Struggling to reach your toe nails? Call for a home visit, 07846 326801 - NHS reg.

**Free Ads**  
IT'S FREE, IT'S EASY  
For items up to £250.  
Online at  
[www.expressandstar.com/bookanad](http://www.expressandstar.com/bookanad)

**MOBILITY SCOOTER**  
Excellent condition.  
Four wheels.  
Folds into boot.  
Can deliver.  
£295.  
01584 891032, 07795 978707.

**MOBILITY SCOOTER**, good condition, four wheel, absolute bargain, £350. 07455 671414

**MOBILITY SCOOTER**, shop rider, fit into car boot, new batteries, £200. 07929 776601.

**MOBILITY SCOOTER**, very good condition, four wheel. Can deliver locally if needed. £300. 07905 770683.

**MOBILITY SCOOTERS** from £350 can deliver, servicing available. Call: Powerlink, Blackheath 01384 255019 / 07831 246292.

**SHOPRIDER SCOOTER** new batteries, good condition, folds up to fit in boot. £315 ono. 01902 703603.

**SHOWER CHAIR**, as new, never been used, folds down, with arms, bargain £55. 01384 288496.

**WREKIN STAIRLIFTS** reconditioned lifts from £450. Plus New Lifts. 01952 405397 / 07897 273617

### toys

**CLIMBING FRAME** good quality steel tube, tent, slide, ladders, £90 ono. 01562 756918.

## 2 Leisure Time

### camping equipment

**OUTWELL MONTANA 6 TENT**, excellent condition, £300 ono. Telephone 01902 759036.

### car boot sales

**AFTERNOON SATURDAY BOOTSALE**  
12 noon (sellers from 10am).  
B4176 Rabbit Run by Folly Pub, between Dudley & Telford.  
[www.bestbootsales.com](http://www.bestbootsales.com)  
07890 267041.

**BEST EVERY SATURDAY BOOTSALE**  
8am-2pm  
Also Open Bank Holiday Monday's!  
B4176 Rabbit Run, by Chesterford Golf Course, between Dudley & Telford, WY15 5LR.  
[www.bestbootsales.com](http://www.bestbootsales.com)  
07890 267041

**BEST WEDNESDAY BOOTSALE**  
10am-2pm  
Ivy House Farm, A461, Spring Hill, Muckley Corner, between Walsall & Lichfield, WS14 0BX.  
[www.bestbootsales.com](http://www.bestbootsales.com)  
07890 267041.

**BIGGEST EVERY SUNDAY BOOT SALE IN STAFFORDSHIRE**  
8am-2pm, A34, off A34, Cannock Chase, Brocton, Between Cannock & Stafford.  
ST17 0SG  
[www.bestbootsales.com](http://www.bestbootsales.com)  
07890 267041

**SUPER EVERY SATURDAY BOOT SALE**  
10am - 2pm  
Now at Barracks Lane, off A461 & A5, Walsall Wood, between Lichfield & Walsall, WS9 9DL.  
[www.bestbootsales.com](http://www.bestbootsales.com)  
07890 267041

**caravans / motorhomes**  
**A BEAUTIFUL PARK**  
Near Ludlow  
35x12ft caravans from £10,000  
Golf, Bowls, Club, Why go Further?  
01584 823433  
[www.bcpark.co.uk](http://www.bcpark.co.uk)

**ATLAS MIRAGE STATIC CARAVAN**  
2005, 2 bedroom, 28ft x 10ft.  
Ground rent paid until April 2014.  
Insulated, decked out as well.  
Sited on Saltmarshes Caravan Leisure Park, Bromyard, big club with good entertainment, kids play area and shop.  
£8,000.  
Sale due to ill health.  
01384 457219. 07923 191378.

**ATLAS MOONSTONE 32X10** 2 bedroom static, sited on small rural site in Crossgates, Powys, Mid Wales. Excellent condition.  
£9,250 ono.  
07778 392406.

**BAILEY PAGEANT MAJESTIC**  
2008, 2 bedroom, and kitchen, excellent condition, many extras, including motor mover and new battery, selling due to ill health, £8,000 ono.  
01562 822888.

**BAILEY SENATOR SERIES 5**  
2007, 4-berth, end bathroom, Truma motor mover, Alko wheel lock, top of the range Isabella awning, Stabiliser, new tyres. Little used. No pets or smokers. Immaculate.  
£7,500.  
07831 627054.  
Codsall area.

**BRADCOT ACTIVE AWNING** 990cm, burgundy with bedroom annex and alloy poles, Starcamp porch awning, burgundy, alloy poles plus lightweight porch awning.  
Milenco wheelchair.  
£180 the lot. 01384 230779.

**A BEAUTIFUL TOURING PARK**  
Between Bridgnorth and Ludlow - ADULTS ONLY  
All weather Super Pitches  
01584 823456  
[www.wheathillpark.co.uk](http://www.wheathillpark.co.uk)

**CI CUSONA 200**  
Transit, 2.4, 59 plate, 14k miles, 4-berth. Fixed rear bed, reversing camera, cruise control, 3-way fridge, shower and grill unused. Taxed, MoT'd.  
£28,000.  
07711 563237.

**COACHMAN AMARA 580/4** 4 Berth, 2000, 22ft twin axle, end bathroom, separate shower, excellent condition, full awning, non smokers, £4,250 ono.  
01922 400179.

**COMPASS VANTAGE** 4 berth, 1994, good condition, mover fitted, 1 full awning, 1 porch awning, cassette toilet, water carriers, etc, ready to go.  
£1,650 ono.  
Telephone 01902 834445.

**DOREMA AWNING**, Sirocco, green, size 3, 700/725 inner tent, used 3 times, £150. 01384 280118.

**DOREMA PORCH AWNING**, 330 x 250, 2 years old, aluminium poles, used 4 times, £275. 01562 824108

**ELDDIS AUTOSTRATUS EK MOTORHOME**  
1997, 27,000 miles, 2.5 Peugeot diesel, manual, MoT, tax October 2013, 4 berth, end kitchen, toilet, shower, 240v hook up, non smoking, very good condition.  
£11,500 ono.  
01547 528078.

**ELDDIS TWO BERTH XPLORE 302**  
New in 2012, used only 2 weeks, fitted with motor mover and a full awning.  
£10,000.  
01902 885076.

**FLEETWOOD Colchester 470** EB 2-berth new, 2004, first used 2005, fitted with power mover, 2 awnings, plus many extras, serviced annually by approved dealer, 1 owner, non smokers, £5,000.  
01746 767536 - 07958 293958

**FLEETWOOD COLCHESTER 500EB**  
2000, 4-berth.  
End shower / washroom.  
Blowair heating, flyscreens, blinds.  
Motor mover, awning.  
Alko lock  
Excellent condition,  
£2,899 ono.  
01902 375239.

**HOBBY 645 CARAVAN**  
Vip, 2011, 23ft twin axle, fixed bed, good clean condition,  
£10,500 ono.  
07970 435580 (day)  
or  
01952 461412 (evenings).

**PARK HOME**  
36 x 12, Two bedroomed, on quiet site Shropshire North Wales Border retired or semi retired only. £47,500  
07713 137283

**PARK HOME**  
Omar 40 x 20, two double bedrooms, ensuite, walk in wardrobe, office, on quiet site, on the Shropshire North Wales Border, retired or semi retired only. £99,999, 07713 137283

**SIX BERTH STATIC CARAVAN**  
nice location Welsh Valleys, quiet site many extras inc tv, fridge, microwave, bed linen inc £6,000 ono, 2013 site fees paid.  
07973 319702 or 07960 637814 or 0121 218 1031

**STATIC ATLAS Applause 5 Star**, 30ft x 10ft, 2 bedrooms, 2 tone green, very clean and tidy, £1,500. 01691 610496.

**STATIC CARAVAN**  
35ft x 12ft, sleeps six, excellent condition, quiet site in Mid Wales, lovely views, large corner plot with 2 sheds, 2 fishing pools, fees paid for 2013. £8,000 ono.  
01562 825825 / 07714 771740

**SWIFT CHALLENGER 360/2 SE** 14ft deluxe, CRIS reg. DG, shower, cassette toilet, Bradcot awning as new £1,500. 01902 780761.

**THREE BED STATIC VAN 35x10** With decking, quiet site in Llanbrynmair, mid Wales, 2 fishing pools, 2013 fees paid. £3,500.  
07582 061207.  
No texts please.

**VW HOLDSWORTH AUTOSLEEPER**  
2000cc, 1997/8, bodywork needs slight attention, interior excellent condition.  
£9,500.  
07902 901763/01562 631967.

**WILLERBY LEVEN**, 2010, 37x12, 2 bed, DG, CH, sited 1 mile West Wales coast, fees paid, £21,500. 07578 122072 or 01902 788875.

**WILLERBY LINDHURST**  
37 x 12, 2 bed, DG, CH.  
Excellent condition throughout,  
£10,750.  
Beautifully located in Mid Wales.  
All site fees included.  
07522 2 83438 or 01686 413540.

## LOOK

### WILLERBY RIO GOLD

New, 28 x 12, 2 bed, DG, CH, galvanised chassis, connected to services, real quality caravan, all Manufacturers warranties, sited at Sand Bay, coastal Somerset Village, Family owned and dog friendly park by the sea.  
Excellent buy. Genuine sale.  
Bargain £24,750. ono.  
07801 734823 or 01934 412680.

### caravans wanted

**All Caravans Wanted**  
Any Age or Condition  
\*CASH WAITING\*  
Immediate collection  
Call Bill on 07760 344 750

### fishing

**FLY FISHING** rods, reels, lines and accessories, £10 each.  
01384 252926.

### music shop

**BANJO**, Gibson Bowtie, 5 string, 1960s, very good condition, owned last 15 years, with original case, £1,600. 01298 832183.

**DRUM KITS WANTED** Vintage, Premier, Hayman, Rogers, Ludwig etc, any condition, cash waiting. 01905 621040.

### sports & leisure

**PING G15 DRIVER**, fitted with aildia shaft, as new, £100 ono.  
Telephone 01922 492838.

### holidays

**NEW QUAY** Wales, Pet friendly, chalets from £25pw. Also lodges available. Call 01545 580 239  
[woodlandsnewquay.co.uk](http://woodlandsnewquay.co.uk)

### self catering holidays

**mind, body & soul**  
massage

**BEAUTY THERAPIST** massage bed, electric, adjustable height, cost £1,000 new, sell £500 ono. 01384 563677.

### what's on

### markets

**BIGGEST SUNDAY MARKET IN THE MIDLANDS**  
Go Karts, Giant Slide, Roundabout, Bouncy Castle  
Bescot Stadium, Walsall FC  
WS1 4SA, FREE PARKING, J8 M6  
07889 975701 All hard standing  
Stall Hire Available From £21

**weddings**  
clothing alterations

**clothing alterations**  
For Ladies and Gents  
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat  
9.30am - 4.00pm  
21 Upper High Street  
Cradley Heath B64 5HX  
01384 826626  
30 High Street, Halesowen,  
B63 3BB  
0121 585 0890

**ALBA LCD 15" TV** slimline, black, scart, HDMI, very good condition, £60. 01562 756918.

**service**  
**AERIAL / TV SPECIALISTS**  
TV Plasma / LCD repairs  
Digital aerial installation  
Wall mount / set ups / etc  
Plasma, LCD TVs from £99  
Any area, 7 days  
07850 330251

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

## 3 Home & Services

### furniture

**PINE** single headboard and two bedside cabinets in good condition, £25 ono. 07791 348050.

### in your garden

**Top Soil, Building Sand, Paving/Concrete Sand, Decorative Gravels**  
Delivered Bagged or Loose  
01902 893226

### items for sale

**HAVE YOU CHECKED** your advertisement today? We would respectfully remind advertisers that it is their responsibility to inform the publishers of any mistakes or inaccuracies on the first day of publication.

**CORRUGATED** roofing sheets. Also tile effect box profile, curved and z.purlins. Horsely Stables  
01547 530419

**VIBRO POWER** exercise machine for sale, with DVD, only 4 months old, £100 ono. Call 0121 557 3226.

**items wanted**  
**ALL GOLD 9ct £300 per ounce**  
**CASH PAID TODAY**  
**A GENUINE LADY BUYER**  
All Beswick • Doulton • Worcester  
Moorcroft • Old coins • Watches  
Jewellery • Old toys • Clocks  
Paintings • All silver items  
Pre 47 silver coins All war medals etc  
**ANYTHING OLD & INTERESTING**  
01922 495066 OR  
07971 783206

**driveways & patios**  
**HomeCare**  
Driveways & Pathways  
Imprinted Concrete  
and Block Paving  
01902 306046  
[www.homecare-group.co.uk](http://www.homecare-group.co.uk)

**electrical services**  
K.J.ELECTRICAL, NAPIT registered. Specialist in fuse boards, testing, rewiring, certification. Tel 07875 90684 or 01902 280289.

**flooring**  
**3 FLOOR FINISHES**  
Laminate, Carpet & Vinyl floor fitter  
Professional and Reliable service,  
25 years experience. Free estimates  
Call: 07890 981282

**gardening services**  
**GARDENS TIDIED** from £5 per garden, 25 years experience. Call 01902 715106 / 07813 184086.

**gas fitting**  
**GAS SERVICES**  
Boilers  
Cookers  
Fires  
Gas Checks  
Landlord Certificates  
Gas Leaks Traced  
Fitted, Serviced and Repaired  
Same Day Service  
Free Quotes  
DISCOUNTS FOR OAPs  
Call: 01902 366855/  
07761 973975

**aerials**  
**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150

**CASTLE AERIALS**  
Aerials from £64.99, Sky, multirooms, 10 yrs experience, free estimates, We will beat any written quote!  
Call: 01384 350150



01902 317878 • www.expressandstar.com/classifiedads

# Classified Ads

**L.K.B Aerials**

• OAP Discount • Free Quotes  
• 2 Year Guarantee  
Help & Advice with all equipment  
8 till Late - 7 days a week  
www.digitalaerialfitter.co.uk

**Discount 10% with Voucher**

All Major Credit/Debit Cards Accepted  
01384 918671-07572 838893

**AA DIGITAL AERIALS**

1 aerial into 2 rooms  
**£85**  
1 aerial into 4 rooms  
**£125**

**SAME DAY SERVICE**  
01902 858191  
01384 429166

01543 439095  
01922 716029  
07833 738857

house clearances

A ABSOLUTE cash price paid for house clearances and bereavements. Tel: 07852 172641.

plans prepared

ADAM DESIGN, Building Plans. Drawn and submitted to council. Tel: 01902 620200/07841 654037. Email: adamdesign@sky.com

removals

**CHEAPER REMOVALS**

NATIONWIDE, INSURED, FREE QUOTES  
Single Items to Full Removals.  
01902 894916 / 07807 773035

**A & M CHEAP REMOVALS**  
Local Careful Firm  
Full or Part loads  
Call Don:  
0800 587 0377  
or 07749 943139

**A MAN WITH A VAN** Single items, flat/house removals/clearances, local/nationwide. Call Steve. 0121 422 2259 or 07815 043724

**CALL DEAN** Business/Domestic, Deliveries/Relocation/full house 1 item. 07429 453209/01902 830670

**CALL PETE - MAN WITH A VAN**, Removals, clearances. Items large or small. Call: 01902 741546, 07817 675660 or 01384 468955.

roofing

**MG ROOFING**  
Flat roofs, tiling, roof repairs, fascias and gutters.

01902 238989 or 07580 465449

**PREMIER ROOFING** New Roofs, Repairs, Fascias & Gutters. Call: 01384 353600 or 07875 387445.

**SEMI RETIRED ROOFER** All things roofing, flat roofs/fascias and gutters, 38 yrs experience. Please call Keith: 07546 158165

skip hire

**MT SKIPS**

All sizes  
All areas covered  
Immediate delivery  
Competitive prices  
Fast and Reliable service  
Call: 01384 240956  
07920 885774

**WEIMARANER** puppies, KC reg. excellent pedigree, ready now, wormed. 07917 276494.

**YORKSHIRE TERRIER** cross Chihuahua Puppies, (Chorkies), parents can be seen, ready June 1. Deposit secure.  
07442 179422 or 01902 723433.

**5 Farming**  
agriculture

**4 Pets & Animals**  
equestrian corner

**6 Business**  
business opportunities

**7 Property**  
houses for sale

**8 Jobs**  
courses

**9 Motoring**  
cars over £1500

**10 Overseas**  
overseas property

**11 Employment**  
employment wanted

**12 Apprenticeship**  
APPRENTICESHIP/WORK PLACEMENT REQUIRED

**13 Top Gear**  
TOP GEAR DRIVER TRAINING

**14 Central Transport**  
CENTRAL TRANSPORT TRAINING

**15 Are you handcuffed**  
Are you handcuffed to your property?

**16 FAST CASH**  
FAST CASH FOR YOUR PROPERTY

**17 CASH FOR YOUR PROPERTY**  
CASH FOR YOUR PROPERTY FAST!

**18 Get 95-100%**  
Get 95-100% For Your House - FAST!

**19 Free valuation**  
Free valuation. Free consultation

**20 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**21 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**22 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**23 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**24 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**25 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**26 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**27 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**28 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**29 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**30 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**31 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**32 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**33 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**34 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**35 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**36 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**37 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**38 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**39 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**40 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**41 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**42 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**43 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**44 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**45 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**46 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**47 100% Property**  
100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere

**PROPERTY NEEDED** for long term let. We will pay above market rent for the right property. Call Lucy 07834 68561

**PROPERTY WANTED** any condition. Long term let. Guaranteed above market rent paid for right property. Call Sarah on 0121 526 6410

**accommodation to let**

**A1 CITY CENTRE** Appt. fully furnished, parking, heating DS, £360 pcm. No DSS. 07966 266154.

**NOTICE TO READERS** It is an offence under the Accommodation Agencies Act 1953, for an Agency to charge a fee simply for the registration of your requirements and/or supplying particulars of premises to let.

**DARLSTON**, 1 bed house, CH, DG, unfurnished, £390pcm. No garden, no DSS. 07977 767084.

**DUNSTALL**, Carter Road, 2/3 bed house, clean and tidy, £350pcm. Telephone 07712 401040.

**ONE BEDROOM FLAT** Willenhall Town centre, furnished or unfurnished, completely refurbished, off road secure parking, £395 pcm. 07787 525053.

**PENNETT** Brierley Hill/Dudley, 1 bed flat. Dep/rent negotiable. 0121 550 0064/07970 980955.

**W-TON** Parkfields, studio apartment, part furnished, no smokers, no DHSS. 07877 673330.

**overseas property**

**MOVING TO FRANCE?** House with land, letting cottage and pool. Idyllic rural lifestyle with income.

**All for £248,000.** Visit <http://francehouseandgiteforsale.weebly.com> for full details.

**NOTICE TO READERS** Readers are advised to seek independent legal advice before entering into any financial commitments.

**Are you handcuffed to your property?** Do you need to sell your home fast? Call for a no obligation, confidential chat

**Call Jackie & Trevor NOW!** Offers with 48 hours 077790 18983

**properties wanted**

**FAST CASH FOR YOUR PROPERTY**

**CASH FOR YOUR PROPERTY FAST!**

**Get 95-100% For Your House - FAST!**

**Free valuation. Free consultation**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**coast & country**

**PORTHMADOG BLACK ROCK SANDS** Big semi with parking for 10 cars plus caravan. Sleeps 5 plus extra room downstairs. Double glazing, rewired, new roof. Only 500 yds to the beach, includes all furniture / carpets, £160,000 ono 01902 608273. 07733 071083.

**accommodation to let**

**A1 CITY CENTRE** Appt. fully furnished, parking, heating DS, £360 pcm. No DSS. 07966 266154.

**NOTICE TO READERS** It is an offence under the Accommodation Agencies Act 1953, for an Agency to charge a fee simply for the registration of your requirements and/or supplying particulars of premises to let.

**DARLSTON**, 1 bed house, CH, DG, unfurnished, £390pcm. No garden, no DSS. 07977 767084.

**DUNSTALL**, Carter Road, 2/3 bed house, clean and tidy, £350pcm. Telephone 07712 401040.

**ONE BEDROOM FLAT** Willenhall Town centre, furnished or unfurnished, completely refurbished, off road secure parking, £395 pcm. 07787 525053.

**PENNETT** Brierley Hill/Dudley, 1 bed flat. Dep/rent negotiable. 0121 550 0064/07970 980955.

**W-TON** Parkfields, studio apartment, part furnished, no smokers, no DHSS. 07877 673330.

**overseas property**

**MOVING TO FRANCE?** House with land, letting cottage and pool. Idyllic rural lifestyle with income.

**All for £248,000.** Visit <http://francehouseandgiteforsale.weebly.com> for full details.

**NOTICE TO READERS** Readers are advised to seek independent legal advice before entering into any financial commitments.

**Are you handcuffed to your property?** Do you need to sell your home fast? Call for a no obligation, confidential chat

**Call Jackie & Trevor NOW!** Offers with 48 hours 077790 18983

**properties wanted**

**FAST CASH FOR YOUR PROPERTY**

**CASH FOR YOUR PROPERTY FAST!**

**Get 95-100% For Your House - FAST!**

**Free valuation. Free consultation**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**100% Property. Any condition. Anywhere**

**BILLY THOMAS HGV DRIVER TRAINING** Inc B+E (CAR & TRAILER), THEORY, CPC TRAINING, 1-2-1 TUITION  
CALL 01902 744726 OR 07831 646601

**employment wanted**

**APPRENTICESHIP/WORK PLACEMENT REQUIRED** By 18 year old student with full driving licence. For construction based trade, plumbing or carpentry. I am hardworking, enthusiastic and reliable. Available for immediate start. Telephone 07912 861978.

**EMPLOYMENT WANTED** Gardening, trees, fencing etc. with experience. 01902 828908

**TOP GEAR DRIVER TRAINING**

**DSA QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS**

LGV/PCV, MINIBUS, B+E TRAINING  
INTENSIVE CAR TRAINING  
INTENSIVE COURSES,  
1-1 TUITION  
FREE ASSESSMENTS,  
DRIVER CPC TRAINING  
FREE MEDICAL WHEN BOOKING  
A RIGID AND ARTIC COURSE  
AT THE SAME TIME.  
0121 585 0834  
Topgear-hgv@btconnect.com

**cars over £1500**

**BMW 318 CONVERTIBLE**, 1999, powerhood, a/c, parking sensors, blue/blue hood, excellent condition, £3,295. 01562 710289.

**BMW 325 CIM SPORT CONVERTIBLE** 05 reg, 72k, red, abs, e/w, airbag, a/c, c/l, cruise control, pas, tax Nov, alloys, stereo, CD and stacking system in boot, leather interior, petrol, multi function steering wheel. More pictures available. £6,995. 07866 515142.

**CHRYSLER VOYAGER** 51 reg, 3.3V6, 72,000 miles, excellent condition, tax, MoT, used as third vehicle, very reliable. £2,495 ono. 01902 373141. 07748 196075.

**FORD FIESTA 1.6 NEW STYLE-TITANIUM** March 2010, petrol, 28k metallic maroon/full leather interior, parking sensors, service package and MoT until March 2014, 4 months tax. Excellent condition throughout. Must be seen. £7,750. Mobile 07833 229290 or 01952 200095.

**BMW 325 CIM SPORT CONVERTIBLE** 05 reg, 72k, red, abs, e/w, airbag, a/c, c/l, cruise control, pas, tax Nov, alloys, stereo, CD and stacking system in boot, leather interior, petrol, multi function steering wheel. More pictures available. £6,995. 07866 515142.

**CHRYSLER VOYAGER** 51 reg, 3.3V6, 72,000 miles, excellent condition, tax, MoT, used as third vehicle, very reliable. £2,495 ono. 01902 373141. 07748 196075.

**FORD FIESTA 1.6 NEW STYLE-TITANIUM** March 2010, petrol, 28k metallic maroon/full leather interior, parking sensors, service package and MoT until March 2014, 4 months tax. Excellent condition throughout. Must be seen. £7,750. Mobile 07833 229290 or 01952 200095.

**BMW 325 CIM SPORT CONVERTIBLE** 05 reg, 72k, red, abs, e/w, airbag, a/c, c/l, cruise control, pas, tax Nov, alloys, stereo, CD and stacking system in boot, leather interior, petrol, multi function steering wheel. More pictures available. £6,995. 07866 515142.

**CHRYSLER VOYAGER** 51 reg, 3.3V6, 72,000 miles, excellent condition, tax, MoT, used as third vehicle, very reliable. £2,495 ono. 01902 373141. 07748 196075.

**FORD FIESTA 1.6 NEW STYLE-TITANIUM** March 2010, petrol, 28k metallic maroon/full leather interior, parking sensors, service package and MoT until March 2014, 4 months tax. Excellent condition throughout. Must be seen. £7,750. Mobile 07833 229290 or 01952 200095.

**BMW 325 CIM SPORT CONVERTIBLE** 05 reg, 72k, red, abs, e/w, airbag, a/c, c/l, cruise control, pas, tax Nov, alloys, stereo, CD and stacking system in boot, leather interior, petrol, multi function steering wheel. More pictures available. £6,995. 07866 515142.

**CHRYSLER VOYAGER** 51 reg, 3.3V6, 72,000 miles, excellent condition, tax, MoT, used as third vehicle, very reliable. £2,495 ono. 01902 373141. 07748 196075.

**FORD FIESTA 1.6 NEW STYLE-TITANIUM** March 2010, petrol, 28k metallic maroon/full leather interior, parking sensors, service package and MoT until March 2014, 4 months tax. Excellent condition throughout. Must be seen. £7,750. Mobile 07833 229290 or 01952 200095.

**BMW 325 CIM SPORT CONVERTIBLE** 05 reg, 72k, red, abs, e/w, airbag, a/c, c/l, cruise control, pas, tax Nov, alloys, stereo, CD and stacking system in boot, leather interior, petrol, multi function steering wheel. More pictures available. £6,995. 07866 515142.

**CHRYSLER VOYAGER** 51 reg, 3.3V6, 72,000 miles, excellent condition, tax, MoT, used as third vehicle, very reliable. £2,495 ono. 01902 373141. 07748 196075.







## Snooker first as Reanne qualifies

DUDLEY'S Reanne Evans has become the first woman to qualify for the final stages of one of snooker's ranking tournaments.

The nine-times world ladies champion beat Thailand's Thepchaiya Un-Nooh in Gloucester to book her place in the Wuxi Classic in China from June 17-23.

She came from 3-0 down to defeat Un-Nooh 5-4, with a highest break of 52.

But waiting for her in the first round is 2010 world champion Neil Robertson – and the Australian slotted a 147 maximum in winning his qualifier 5-0 against Egypt's Mohamed Khairy.

The 27-year-old collected just £400 for winning the ladies' world title last month, but will bag a minimum of £3,000 for appearing in round one in China.

"It's definitely the best result of my career so far," said Evans. "Hopefully this will show other women what can be done in snooker."

"It's a really big win for me because I have done it on merit."

"I've never been to China before but I'm really excited about it now and hopefully it will give me the chance to boost my profile out there."

"I was a bit nervous early on, but once I won a frame I settled down and played well. I felt fine in the last frame – then afterwards I was speechless."

## Early exits for Dicken in contest

YOUNG Wednesbury darter Matthew Dicken experienced two first-round exits competing in the 'seniors' of the Players Championship.

The 20-year-old did manage to push the experienced Swede, Magnus Caris, to a last leg decider before bowing out 6-5, leaving him pinning his hopes on Sunday's event.

Dicken, again, had chances of his own to win the game but suffered another first round exit at Robin Park Centre, Wigan – this time 6-4 to Dan Russell, and left with nothing after missing the money stages.

Jamie Caven won both of the weekend's events, the Derby darter beating Paul Nicholson on Saturday and Dutchman Jelle Klaasen on Sunday, both 6-4.

# Last-heat decider grounds the Robins

## Swindon Robins 45 Birmingham 47

the start – and some home fans felt Doyle had taken a fall to give Smolinski a second chance in a rerun. Whatever the merits of that view, Smolinski seized his chance and led from tapes to flag to spark celebrations in the away section of the pits.

The German ace, who has been in blistering form this season, took off his crash helmet on his celebration lap to reveal the widest of smiles to the travelling fans.

"We're here for winning, not for losing," he said afterwards. "I'm

delighted to win here at Swindon and show how strong the Brummies are."

A fine start from the Selco Brummies saw them four points up after the first six heats.

Smolinski and fellow reserve Nico Covatti scorched past Ashley Birks in heat two for the first 5-1 of the evening. Then in the following heat Josh Auty powered past Eddie Kennett in the opening lap for third spot for a 4-2 in a race won by Danny King.

Heat six saw Smolinski squeeze

through the smallest of gaps down the straight to pass Kacper Gomolski and clinch a 4-2 with Doyle.

Team manager Phil Morris was back on a bike himself before heat seven. The former rider rushed out another machine to the mechanically-stricken Auty, much to the delight of the Brummies fans, although Auty eventually got his original bike running.

A little bit of argy-bargy between Smolinski and Gomolski after the two riders made contact for the second time on the night demonstrated the rising tension.

In heat nine, Kennett's engine failure meant he didn't even get off

the startline and the Doyle/Smolinski 5-1 over lone Robin Rory Schlein put the Brummies 10 up.

Two shared heats – including a crucial pass by Smolinski on double-point tactical rider Batchelor – kept the lead intact with four races to go. But two 5-1 home advantages in the next three races brought the home side to within two points before the drama reached its height in the final race.

Swindon: Troy Batchelor 12, Davey Watt 10+1, Rory Schlein 8+1, Kacper Gomolski 8+1, Edward Kennett 6, Ashley Birks 1.  
Birmingham: Martin Smolinski 18+1, Jason Doyle 7+1, Chris Harris 7, Danny King 6+1, Josh Auty 5+1, Ben Barker 2+1, Nico Covatti 2+1.

## Brummies on form to wallop Wolves

**Wolves 41 Birmingham 49**  
RAMPANT Birmingham grabbed their first league win at Monmore Green since 1979.

The Brummies have been on a stunning run of form and arrived on the back of a home victory over Wolves and a win at Elite League champions Swindon.

The Selco Brummies had too much strength in depth for the Parrys International Wolves, who sorely missed the injured Ty Proctor.

While Grand Prix duo Freddie Lindgren and Tai Woffinden were beaten only once each – by Chris Harris in heat 13 – the visitors had the strength in depth.

Wolves made the perfect start when Woffinden and Ricky Wells raced clear for a 5-1 – but Birmingham were soon well in the match despite an engine failure when leading for Nico Covatti.

A Harris/Josh Auty maximum over Wells and Adam Skornicki in heat five put them four up and they never looked back.

Martin Smolinski top-scored, but that stunning heat 13 win for Harris all but guaranteed victory and Smolinski and Covatti finished the job off in heat 14.

Wolves: Tai Woffinden 13+1, Freddie Lindgren 13+1, Ludvig Lindgren 6, Ricky Wells 5+1, Adam Skornicki 2+1, Jacob Thorpe 2.

Birmingham: Martin Smolinski 12, Chris Harris 9+1, Danny King 9+1, Jason Doyle 8+1, Nico Covatti 6+1, Josh Auty 5+3.

## Boxers join the ranks of paid fighters

NEW professional boxing duo Des Bowater and Tom Stokes reckon the time is right to punch for pay as they prepare for their professional debuts tomorrow.

The two boxed for Wodensborough ABC as amateurs but join the paid ranks at Walsall Town Hall on the undercard of Martin Gethin's IBF final eliminator against Ammeh Diaz.

Bowater, a 21-year-old super-featherweight, has reached the last two senior ABA Midlands finals.

West Bromwich welterweight Stokes will pit his wits against wily veteran Bheki Moyo, a South African-born Londoner.

He said: "It's a dream to turn pro on such a big night of boxing. Bheki Moyo is an experienced opponent, so it's a good first test for me."

# Hat-trick plus one as Ahmed sparks victory

**OLD HILL got their first Birmingham and District Division One win of the campaign in a five-wicket victory over Shifnal.**

The visitors reached 195-6 before Waqas Ahmed (4-23) took four wickets in four balls to bring their innings to a judicious halt.

Nitesh Patel (62) and skipper Danny Cox then took over to earn Old Hill a much-needed victory.

Wolverhampton's miserable start to the Premier Division season continued as they lost by five wickets at Barnet Green.

Skipper Karl Quiney hit 44 and Simon Lycett 36 as Wolverhampton made 182-9 from 50 overs, having recovered from 86-5 at one stage.

But a quickfire 46 of 27 balls from Barnet Green's James Ord made the run chase a simple task.

Wolverhampton are now bottom of the Premier Division.

### Chased

Champions Walsall went down by two wickets at pace-setters Brockhampton, despite skipper David Powles' fine innings of 64 in his side's 214.

The hosts chased down the total with more than seven overs to spare as Tim Maxfield took 4-61.

Wombourne lost by two runs to Walmley after the hosts had been restricted to 237-9 thanks to Ed Denham (4-22) and Michael Hill (3-35).

Wombourne appeared to be cruising with Jack Bidulph (85) and Mark Fisher (83) at the crease, but from superb bowling from

### Cricket

Shozair Ali denied them. Former Warwickshire seamer Nagaash Tahir did the damage with the bat as Smethwick recorded a 69-run win over Brewood in Division One.

He hit an unbeaten 52 in Smethwick's 184 all out, while South African pacer Morne Heyneke claimed 5-23 for the visitors.

Brewood then collapsed to 115 all out in reply with Shakeel Raja claiming 4-22 and Kuldeep Diwan 3-15.

West Indian overseas star Audy Alexander struck an unbeaten 127 as Stourbridge recorded a 109-run win over Eastnor to go fifth in Division Two.

Stour made 286-4 batting first with Adam Lawley also scoring 54. Eastnor could only muster 177-8.

Halesowen's excellent run came to a halt as they were beaten by nine wickets at home to Whitechurch. Wes Griffiths' side were skittled out for just 84.

Fordhouses lost at home to Coventry and North Warwickshire despite Ian Walker's unbeaten 83.

## First-class! Club celebrate league promotion



Warley firsts are celebrating promotion after finishing runners-up to St Leonards in Midlands Five West (North)

RUGBY players at Warley are celebrating promotion to Midlands League Four level.

Warley firsts finished runners-up in Midlands Five West (North), but had a two-week wait before confirmation of their advancement to the next league was received.

Next season Warley will face new and tough competition in a division that stretches from Cannock to

Clebury Mortimer. Club chairman Dick Timmons said: "The entire club is delighted that their hard work has been rewarded with promotion."

The club, based on Tat Bank Road in Oldbury, boast five rugby teams and a host of homegrown talent in the first team, but are still looking for new players.

Head coach John Mahon said: "Securing promotion is fantastic for

the club and it is a great time to join us for anyone that would like to play rugby."

With an RFU clubmark seal of approval, the club continue to develop in both youth and women's rugby.

Training sessions are throughout the week for men's, youth and women's sections. Anyone interested should email hello@warleyrfc.co.uk or call 07973 172795.

## Time for a new shed?

Sheds - Summer Houses  
Playhouses - Potting Sheds  
Workshops - Home Offices  
Bin Stores - Log Stores  
Free Delivery & Erection  
Shed Refelting Service

Custom made service  
available built to your  
size and requirements  
Payment plans available

## SHEDS & SUMMER HOUSES

Ground Floor, Falcon House  
High Street, Lye DY9 8LX



We now sell  
all fencing  
products at  
trade prices

NEW YORK COMIC  
LEWIS SCHAFFER

FRI / 31ST MAY £5 ADMISSION

Open Mic Comedy  
Every Thursday 8 pm FREE ADMISSION

Free Venue Hire  
Birthdays, Gigs, Parties

Hollybush, Cradley Heath B64 5EA  
07949 594484

SELL IT  
FAST  
SELL IT  
LOCAL

01902 317878



Classified Ads

## Short breaks, holidays and long haul adventures to destinations near and far

...by coach, rail, Eurostar,  
self-drive and air

star **extra** TRAVEL

See us online at: [www.expressandstar.com/starextratrans](http://www.expressandstar.com/starextratrans)

Brought to you by the **Express & Star**



# SPORT

**Converted**  
Warley wonders  
grab promotion  
**Page 35**



**Stun shot**  
Reanne into men's  
tour snooker finals  
**Page 35**

Sports Desk 01902 319461

e-mail: [chronsport@expressandstar.co.uk](mailto:chronsport@expressandstar.co.uk)

## Back to winning ways for George

**The George 212 Moor Lane 196**  
AFTER three straight defeats, The George firsts got back to winning ways with a home bowls win against Moor Lane.

The first four got off to a great start in this Warwick and Worcester Premier Division One fixture. There were big wins for the Warley outfit from 21-year-old Elliot McGuinness (21-4) and 23-year-old Marc Wilson (21-7), supported by Pete Davenport's 21-15 success to set up a 26-shot lead.

Moor Lane fought hard to reduce the arrears in the middle four games but wins from Alan Belcher (21-17) and Steve Dicken (21-20) helped keep The George 18 shots in front. Each side had two winners in the last four but wins for Steve Darling (21-11) and Stuart Meddings (21-17) gave The George a 16-shot victory.

**Nordley B 217 The George 202**

The seconds continued to find life difficult away from home in the South Staffs Premier Division. But they managed to put in their best performance on the road so far this season at Nordley B.

Wins by Ray Broadfield (21-11) and Keith Walton (21-18) helped them to a four-shot lead after the first four games. There were wins by Mick McGuinness (21-14) and John Deakin (21-20) in the middle four but Nordley then led by six.

In the final four games, 17-year-old Will Freeman (21-7) was the only winner for the visitors.

**Baldwin 225 The George 204**  
The thirds suffered their first defeat of the season in Warwick and Worcester Alliance Division Three.

They never quite found the pace. Only Lee Dicken (21-11) and Terry Williams (21-19) won in the first eight encounters. Bob Sansom (21-9) and Paul Rose (21-18) did their best in the last four.

## Brummies riding high

BIRMINGHAM fired up their Elite League speedway challenge by scooping nine points in six days.

The Selco Brummies edged out league leaders Wolves 46-44 at home last Wednesday before stunning reigning champions Swindon 47-45 at Blunsdon the following night.

And on Monday they took a famous 49-41 victory at Wolves.

Reports - Page 35

## Meeting legend has inspired me, says Truman

CHRIS TRUMAN believes meeting boxing legend, Roy Jones Junior, has inspired him ahead of his British Masters title showdown with Stephen Jennings.

The Erdington-born light-welterweight met the four-weight world champion at The Hawthorns, writes **Daniel Mole**.

The Fighter of the Decade for the 1990s - as voted by the Boxing Writers Association of America - appeared at West Bromwich Albion's home stadium for a sporting dinner.

Truman, who takes on Jennings at the Institute, Digbeth, Birmingham on Saturday, June 29 went along as a guest of promoter Marcus Anderson.

### Boxing

The 28-year-old has drawn inspiration from speaking to Jones, the only boxer in history to start his career as a light-middleweight and go on to win a heavyweight title. It was a real honour to meet him," said Truman.

"He's a boxing legend and he had so many stories to tell. He's an inspiration. "I shook his hand and had a good chat with him about my own career," added Truman.

Truman. He told me to keep working hard and putting in the hours in the gym and I'll get my rewards.

"You look at him, in such good shape for a 44-year-old, and it makes you realise that if you live the life, you can achieve things."

"Meeting Roy was amazing and he's inspired me ahead of the Jennings fight."

### Features

"It will be a tough test but, after listening to Roy talk about being a four-weight champion, it makes you realise that anything is possible."

As well as Truman versus Jennings, It's

A-Bout-Boxing's 'Salvation: Rise of the Terminator' bill also features Coventry super-featherweight Troy 'Terrifying' James, Burton welterweight Tom Shaw and Welsh light-middleweight prospect, Warren Simden.

Northampton lightweight, Jamie Spence, and prospects Michael Mooney and Ainsley Seivwright complete the card at the Institute.

Tickets are priced at £25 general, £50 ringside and £75 VIP ringside.

They are available by calling the box office on 0845 467 3930 or 07888 870 650.

## Batting blitz for unlikely victory

**Himley 320-3, WB Dartmouth 321-5. Dartmouth won by five wickets**

DARTMOUTH won an extraordinary Birmingham and District Premier match after chasing down a mammoth target.

Himley skipper Greg Wright hit a monumental 186 - the highest individual score ever made at Sandwell Park - in an opening partnership of 292 with Jamie Harris (87).

The game seemed beyond Dartmouth's reach, but they had to chase under the 50-over win-lose format.

Kadeer Ali (57) and Basit Zaman (51) put on 106 for the first wicket to give the home side a chance.

There were useful contributions from Nav Poonia (34) Rawlston Tappin (34) and Mehraj Ahmed (33) but it was a stunning 88 not out off just 60 balls from Zeeshan Asif that saw Dartmouth home with nine balls to spare for a win which put them third in the table.

**WB Dartmouth 152, Stratford 153-4. Stratford won by six wickets**

Hiran Dhoalab top scored for Dartmouth seconds with 42, but Stratford eased past that total for a six-wicket win. Dartmouth bowlers Jack Hobbs and Anshel Patel each took two wickets.

**Codsall 90, WB Dartmouth 91-5. Dartmouth won by five wickets**  
Mobin Khan's 3-22 helped peg Codsall to 90 all out. Dartmouth thirds struggled in reply, but youngster Amit John's 24 got them home.

**Codsall 125, WB Dartmouth 127-4. Dartmouth won by six wickets**

Sanesh Patel's 5-20 and Rikesh Patel's 78 ensured an easy win for the fourths.

The Chronicle, a Midland News Association Ltd publication, printed by the company at Kettleby, Telford, Thursday, May 30, 2013.

# EAGLES MAY SWOOP FOR ODEMWINGIE

**ALBION hope Crystal Palace's dramatic return to the Premier League could help trigger a summer scramble for Hawthorns outcast Peter Odemwingie.**

The Baggies will look to offload the Nigeria international after his acrimonious fall-out with the club. And they will hope the Eagles' victory in Monday's Championship play-off final against Watford could add another potential buyer to the mix, driving up any transfer fee.

Palace considered a move for Odemwingie in January and contact was made with the 31-year-old's former representatives, but the interest was never firmed up with the player not keen on Championship football and Albion unwilling to consider a loan.

However, the Eagles' rise to the top flight - with a guaranteed minimum £120m windfall including parachute payments - will increase their spending power significantly and could see a renewed effort to land Odemwingie.

### Admirer

Palace need to replace star forward Wilfried Zaha, who will complete his move to Manchester United after signing in January before returning to Selhurst Park on loan.

And leading scorer Glenn Murray is likely to miss the first half of the Premier campaign after damaging a cruciate knee ligament.

Hull are also monitoring Odemwingie with Tigers boss Steve Bruce a long-standing admirer.

Palace's elevation was secured by a penalty fired home by former Albion, Villa and Blues favourite Kevin Phillips.

If he is offered a deal by Palace and plays next season, he would be at 40 the oldest

### Football

outfield player - edging out 39-year-old Ryan Giggs.

And Super Kev, who is out of contract following his loan spell from Blackpool, said: "If something is offered to me, I'd be daft to turn it down. It would make me the oldest outfield player in the Premier League."

"I know what my role would be - bit-part. But it's the Premier League and I've experienced it before, it's an awesome league."

One potential Albion striker target, meanwhile, is Anderlecht's Diemerco Mbokani.

But the Baggies' possible hopes of signing the DR Congo international could hinge on the outcome of a passport application.

Mbokani has applied for a Belgian passport, which would allow him to play anywhere in the European Union without a work permit. But without an EU passport, the Kinshasa-born 27-year-old would need a work permit, which is traditionally tough to obtain for players from countries outside FIFA's top 70.

■ Albion will visit Derby County on Saturday, July 27 (3pm) in their first domestic pre-season friendly of the summer.

## Britain's silver service spearheaded by Whiley



Jordanne Whiley in action for Great Britain's women during the World Team Cup event in Antalya, Turkey

WHEELCHAIR tennis star Jordanne Whiley spearheaded Great Britain's silver in the women's World Team Cup.

The Halesowen ace won four of her five matches in the competition at Antalya, Turkey as the No.3 seeds got all the way to the final before bowing out 2-0 to the Netherlands.

Whiley opened with a 6-2, 7-5 success against Macarena Cabrillana as Great Britain eased past Chile 3-0 and then beat Lolo Ochoa 6-2, 6-2 as Spain succumbed by a similar score.

That put GB into a tough semi-final against the No.2 seeds, Germany.

Whiley, 20, battled back from a set

down to win her opening singles rubber against Katharina Kruger 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. But in the second singles rubber, Lucy Shuker was unable to match her victory over Sabine Ellerbrock in last year's bronze medal play-off.

The German player fought back from an early 3-0 deficit to level the contest with a 6-3, 6-1 victory.

That left the result hanging on the doubles - and the Shuker/Whiley pair quickly recreated their 2012 Paralympic bronze medal form with a dominant 6-1, 6-2 victory to send the team through to their second World Team

Cup final, having first done so on home soil in Nottingham in 2009.

Britain could not upset the odds in the final against the top-seeded Netherlands. The Dutch dominate at the top level with four of the world's top six and Whiley went down 7-5, 6-2 to world No.2 Jiske Griffioen while Shuker was beaten 6-3, 6-2 by world No.1 Aniek Van Koot.

Whiley said: "I'm so proud that we were able to get to the final. I've had a bronze and a silver in the World Team Cup at senior level, so the next logical step is for Lucy and I to push on and make it a gold next time around."

**HJ COOPER OF DUDLEY**

For all your Timber, DIY & Decking Materials

Shiplap 85p per m

### OPEN TO TRADE & PUBLIC

- Mouldings • Doors • Windows • Fencing
- Sheet Materials • Frames • Paints • Roofing
- Stair Materials • Decking • Hardwood
- Timber/K/D/Par • Dados • Skirting • Architraves

**01384 254591**

Delivery and Cutting Service. FREE quotes  
Unit 19, Thornleigh Trading Estate,  
Farthings Lane, Dudley DY2 8UB



Burbridge and Cheshire Stair Parts  
Pine, Oak and Beech

Oak Frames, Skirting, etc

Plywoods 4ml to 25ml  
Exterior & Sheathing

- MDF • OSD
- Chipboard
- White Hard Board
- White Contiboard
- Pine Board
- Pin Board

